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## Debtor-Creditor Compromise "Fair Means" Of Revaluing Yen Payments New Ordinance Has First Reading

The Debtor-Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948—Government's compromise plan for revaluing claims in occupation currency in respect of repayments made during the enemy occupation of the Colony—passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

In a long review and explanation of the measure the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke), who introduced the Bill, said:

"This Bill has been before the public for over two months and as it has aroused some degree of public interest I might perhaps add to the very full explanation given by the Attorney General in the Objects and Reasons, a brief explanation, in non-technical terms, of Government's policy on this controversial matter, and of the purpose which it is hoped to achieve.

"When the enemy overran the Colony at the end of 1941, one of his first steps was to introduce a currency of his own. It was a paper currency which was issued without backing.

"The 'Military Yen,' as the new currency unit was called, first circulated at the rate of one Military yen to two Hong Kong dollars, and was subsequently revalued at the rate of one Military yen to four Hong Kong dollars.

"In May 1943 the rate of exchange against the Hong Kong dollar was entirely abolished and the use of the Hong Kong dollar made illegal. This meant that after that date the value of the Military yen depended entirely on the confidence which it could command; it depended in fact on the military prestige of the enemy who issued it.

"The following are figures for the value of Military yen notes in circulation during the occupation period:—

Dec. 1942 .... MY 20½ million

1943 .... MY 42 "

" 1944 .... MY 308 "

Aug. 1945 .... MY 1,963 "

"Another early step that the enemy took, after his occupation of the Colony, was to take over the firms of those countries with whom he was at war. He appointed liquidators and endeavoured to wind them up. A necessary step of the winding up was to collect debts owing to these concerns.

Cases Of Hardship

"In collecting these debts, the Japanese were anxious to secure repayment in Hong Kong currency, in which the debts had been incurred, for they knew just how much their occupation currency was worth. The debtors, who were equally well informed, if they had to pay, tried to repay in Military yen, but were not at all anxious to part with their Hong Kong dollars.

"These points are very relevant in view of the terms of this Bill. Government is aware that there have been cases of hardship of individuals who had to sell the houses in which they lived, in order to satisfy the demands of the Japanese liquidators for repayment of bank mortgages."

"The point, however, which must be born in mind in considering these debt payments is that the money did not go to the creditors—to whom it was due, but to the liquidators whom the enemy had placed in charge.

"The question is whether the payments made by the Japanese liquidators constitute, in law, legal discharges of the debts, is one that can only be decided by the courts. Whether it will be left to be threshed out in the courts, two possibilities might eventuate. Either the payments might be held to be legal, in which case the creditors would suffer the full loss; or the payments might be

"Look To Japan"

"The Debtors reply—'We admit having borrowed Hong Kong dollars before the occupation. But the enemy came along and liquidated our creditors, as we believe they were entitled to do. We paid them the full amount they demanded. If our creditors have got nothing of that money, we are very sorry, but that is not our fault. They should look to Japan for reimbursement.'

"If ever a case for compromise existed, this is surely one. The debtor who paid the liquidator undoubtedly parted with value, but his creditor did not receive that value.

"A suitable compromise would be to split the difference and to give the debtor credit, against his debt, for half the value with which he parted, and to require him to make up the full balance to his creditor."

"The real difficulty encountered in proceeding to make the compromise effective is just what was the value with which the debtor parted? What was a 'Military yen' worth during the occupation?

"The Japanese valued it at either two Hong Kong dollars or four Hong Kong dollars. Nevertheless relief payments from the United Kingdom to Internees in Hong Kong were converted by the Japanese into yen at 17 to

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### Rickmobile Tests

Preliminary tests of Hong Kong's future motorized rickshaws—rickmobiles—were made in the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday morning.

Mr. G. D. Blinstead, Superintendent (Traffic) of Police, drove the rickmobile around to test its speed and other mechanical functions.

More tests will have to be carried out before the vehicles are allowed on the streets.

the pound, which made it worth less than a Hong Kong dollar.

"There are various ways of trying to arrive at a value in terms of Hong Kong currency. We could take the black market exchange rate which existed throughout the occupation; we could take the price of gold; we could take the cost of such necessities of life as rice, fuel, oil and vegetables. Investigations have been made along all these lines, and the table in the schedule is the result.

### "Not Perfect"

"It does not reflect the value of the yen during the occupation period, nor yet does it represent the half-value which I suggested as the suitable compromise. I should be foolish if I made any such claim for it, as I should promptly be given specific examples to prove how wrong I was.

"But what I think it does provide is a reasonably fair means of revaluing payments in occupation currency. I do not claim that it is perfect, but perhaps the fact that it is opposed by both creditors and debtors as being against their interests may be taken as indicating that it represents a reasonable compromise.

"If we accept this table the result will be this. A pre-occupation debtor who has made payment

in occupation currency to a liquidator during the occupation, will be held not to have discharged his debt. But the amount which he has paid the liquidator will be converted into Hong Kong dollars in accordance with the table in the Schedule. This sum will be deducted from the original amount due at the beginning of the occupation, and he will have to pay the difference.

"I have deliberately restricted myself to the all-important point of how far payments made during the occupation period are to be regarded as valid. The other points in the Bill may all be regarded as subsidiary to this one, and it is on this resolution proposed here that the Bill must stand or fall. I cannot but feel that the situation which has arisen as a result of the enemy occupation is one which calls for a compromise. Government has worked out a compromise in terms that it considers fair and equitable, and now presents it to the Council in the form of this Bill.

"It is beside the point to argue whether the Japanese liquidators had any right under International Law to act as they did.

"This Bill arises out of the fact that they did so act, and seeks to present a solution of the problems

that have been occasioned thereby, a solution which, if accepted by this Council, will at least enable Government to lift the Moratorium which has been with us so long."

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) and carried unanimously.

The last instalment of the first volume of the "Churchill Memoirs" published yesterday was titled "The 42nd and Last." This should have been "Forty-First and Last." No instalment has

been omitted.

The signatories endorsed Henry Wallace's open letter to Stalin. It described the presence of American armed forces on Chinese soil as "an unbearable insolence" to the Chinese people and supported the proposal that such troops be withdrawn, and all outsiders be stopped.

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The woman, 41-year-old Wong Loy, despondent because

she had to leave her home

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climbed out on the 14th

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Building today and dangled

cliffs of firemen, police and

interpreters to lure her from

her suicide perch.

The woman, who arrived

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speak no English. Two interpreters and her lawyer called to her, in Chinese, from the

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## "DEVILISH SMUGGLERS" CLAIM GOLD HIDDEN IN BODIES WAS THEIR OWN

"Members of a devilish gang of smugglers," comprising two men, three married women, nine widows and six spinsters, whose alleged inglorious ruse to smuggle some \$195,160 worth of gold bars into the colony was frustrated by Revenue officers on Tuesday evening, appeared in the dock before Mr. Hin-Shing Lo of Central Magistracy yesterday.

The defendants, who were not represented legally, were passengers aboard the "Merry Moller." Two more females brought up in the Juvenile Court were cautioned and a committal order made.

Revenue Inspector Redman, prosecuting, told the Court acting on information 24 persons were detained. Asked whether they had any gold on them, they replied in the negative.

Of the 24 suspects, 22 were arrested when X-ray examination at the Queen Mary Hospital revealed that they had gold bars inserted in their persons.

**Apparently "Doctored"**

From the 22 persons altogether 102 gold bars, each measuring 1/2 by 3 inches and weighing five pounds, were extracted. The total value at the current open rate was \$195,160. The bars were tied in bundles of threes, fours, fives and sixes by cotton wool and rubber bands. They were apparently "doctored" at the other end.

Asking for a "very, very serious view" to be taken, RI Redman declared that if it had not been for the information the defendants would have had 100 percent chance of cheating the Law as it was almost impossible to detect the hidden gold. The prosecution requested imprisonment without the option and asserted that "every endeavour will be made to locate the person or persons responsible."

The concealment was obviously done by doctors in Macao and defendants were members of an organised gang, RI Redman pointed out. He also observed that grave responsibility rested on people who make such arrests as the suspects had to be subjected to medical examination and if no material result was procured, serious complications might arise which would be difficult to answer. He again asked that a serious view be taken.

Mr. Lo remarked that it was more than a coincidence that all the 20 defendants had gold similarly concealed in their bodies. They must be obviously members of a "devilish gang of smugglers."

**"Precaution"**

The Magistrate asked the defendants what they had to say in mitigation, and was informed by Ma Chol, a female who elected to speak on behalf of the others, that they were all country people who had sold their property to buy the gold and bring it into the colony. They owned the gold themselves and did not know the regulations here.

"Why did you conceal the gold in such an undignified way if you didn't know local laws?" Mr. Lo inquired.

Ma said there were many robbers in the country and they hid the gold as a precaution. She added that they were all bankrupt and pleaded for leniency.

"This is the first case of its kind," Mr. Lo commented.

"We'll have to make it the last one," RI Redman said.

Defendants were all remanded 24 hours in gaol custody, pending judgment.

SIMPLE SUSY.

**Sheen Broadcast**

Sir—As a Catholic member of the H.K. Broadcasting Advisory Committee and the one immediately responsible for arranging the recent broadcast by Mgr. Fulton Sheen, I wish to express the regret of all concerned that this broadcast should in any way have given offence.

In all the communications on the subject with Mgr. Sheen before he came here, and in direct conversation with him while he was in Hong Kong, it was pointed out that B.B.C. is a Government wireless station and that nothing should be said over the air which was controversial or likely to offend the feelings of any listeners. Though this seemed quite clear, I am afraid that Mgr. Sheen did not fully realise the difference between our station and the private one from which he is accustomed to speak in the United States. There was nothing in his speech which seemed to deserve alteration, but he evidently regarded this as many public speakers regard the written version of his speech, not as indicative of the general liner of the discourse rather than a verbatim copy, and in departing from it he said more than he originally intended to say. We greatly regret it.

(THOS. F. RYAN, S.J.)

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# HARD LABOUR, CANE FOR ROBBER-KIDNAPPERS

Found guilty by a jury on charges of robbery by two or more and the forcible taking away of Chan Chong-yuen for ransom, Tsui Shuen-hung was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), to nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Cheung Fuk, who had previously pleaded guilty to similar charges, but on whose behalf a strong plea in mitigation was put forward by Mr. A. J. Clifford, was sentenced to six years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. J. Wall.

Mr. Clifford appeared for Cheung Fuk, instructed by Mr. Peter Sun of Messrs. P. H. Sun and Co. Tsui Shuen-hung was not legally represented.

The accused were alleged to have robbed Chan Chong-yuen of \$4,000, a wrist watch and a gold finger ring prior to kidnapping him.

## Easily Misled

Evidence as to the good character of Cheung Fuk was given by Cheung Tai-sing, Head of a village in the Taipo area, witness said

that Cheung Fuk was a hard worker, but was not strong mentally. As a result, he was easily misled or fooled.

In the course of his plea for mitigation on behalf of Cheung Fuk, Mr. Clifford said that the latter had been used as a "stooge". Of the \$1,000 taken from complainant, Cheung only received \$50. The fact that Cheung, who was left to stand guard over complainant while the others went away, should walk away in search for food was strong evidence that Cheung did not have a criminal character, but was really stupid.

Mr. Reynolds said that the Crown regarded cases of this nature as being very serious. Cheung was not altogether an innocent party and with regard to the holding of complainant for ransom, he took a very active part. There was no doubt that Cheung was impinged upon to a certain extent. In that he did a lot of work and was deceived by the others. However, Cheung did guard complainant for more than two days and although he went away when the food supply ran out, he had sufficient intelligence to warn complainant against running away and to add that there was no armed guard outside. If Cheung was not armed, he was certainly able to keep complainant satisfied for two or three days. It was true that only \$50 was found in his possession but he obviously expected to get something out of the ransom money.

## LENIENCY PLEA

Mr. Reynolds drew attention to the fact that there had been five cases of this nature in the New Territories recently. It was very difficult to suppress this form of crime as the culprits usually crossed over into Chinese territory.

Tsui Shuen-hung appealed to Mr. Justice Gould for leniency so that on his discharge, he could return to China "to do good."

In passing sentence on Cheung Fuk, Mr. Justice Gould said he was taking into consideration the lad's youth and Mr. Clifford's plea. The offence was punishable with 15 years' imprisonment. He was also taking into consideration that Cheung had been used as a "stooge". Nevertheless, Cheung must be legally punished that he should not be leniently in similar circumstances again.

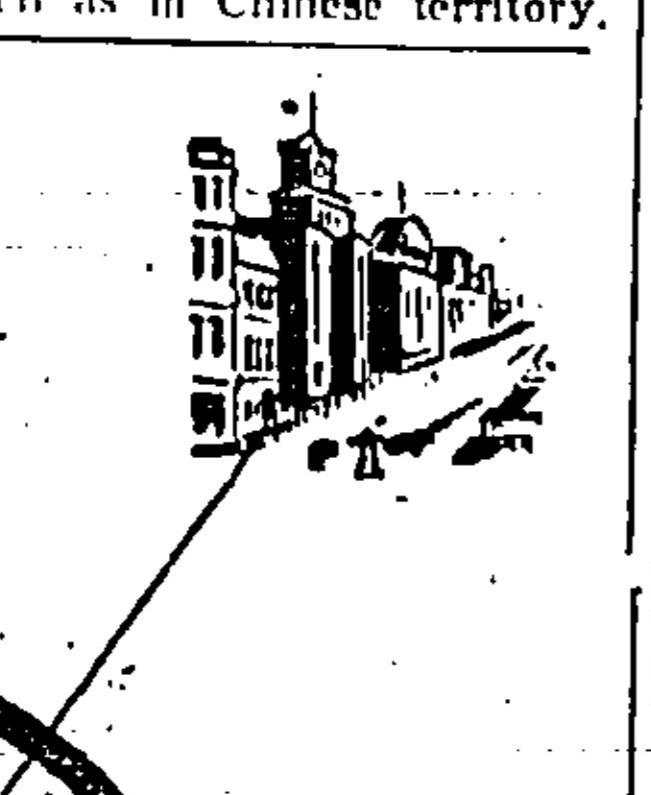
Before passing sentence on Tsui Shuen-hung, Mr. Justice Gould said that the latter was much older. Although he had not taken a leading part, he should have known that such a crime was a crime in Hong Kong just as much as in Chinese territory.

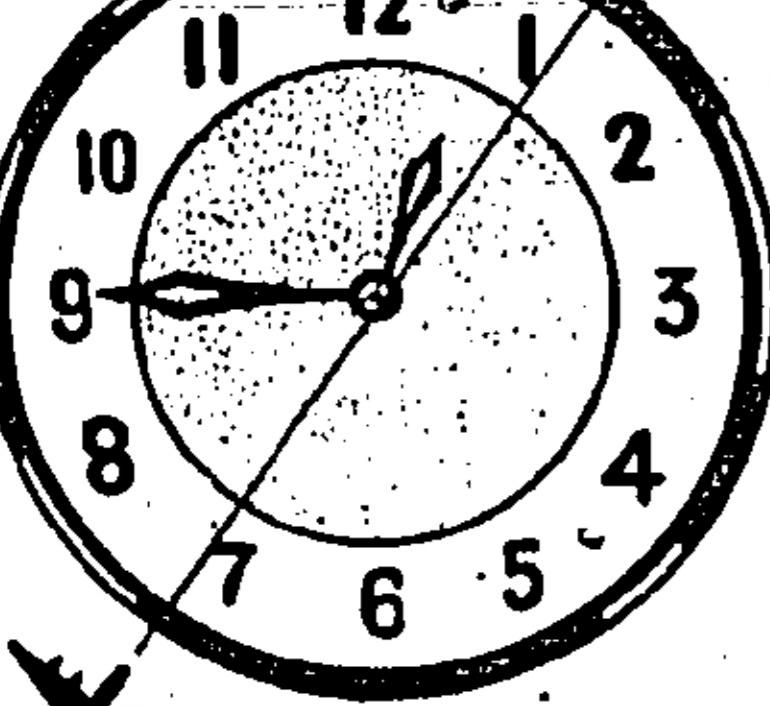
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## SEQUEL TO ACCIDENT

Tsang Fuk was driving his private car along Tokwawan Road, Hung Hom, about 7.20 p.m. on June 1 when Chu Yau-ku, 27-year-old salesman of 243 Tokwawan Road, suddenly drove lorry 5832, parked outside the house, across the road and ran into the left central part of Tsang's car, causing damage (estimated at \$500) to the left side doors.

The left side light and front bumper of the lorry were slightly damaged.

The sequel to the accident was the appearance of Chu before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with driving the lorry without a licence, without the owner's permission, and without due care and attention. He was fined a total of \$300.

## HAD NO LICENCE

F. Fanlanshot of the Kowloon Dairy Farm, and his friend L. Brouwer, were both cautioned by Mr. W. H. Latimer when they admitted the respective summons of permitting an unlicensed driver to drive motor-cycle 591, and with driving the motor-cycle without a licence on the Government ground south of Suffolk Road.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown said that the offence was not committed on the highway, and that it appeared as if the first defendant was teaching his friend to drive.

## CAR OWNERS CAUTIONED

Arthur Hill of the General Post Office was cautioned by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of leaving his car unattended in d'Aguilar Street near Queen's Road Central. Safra Mumi appeared on a similar summons and was also cautioned.

BY ALEX RAYMOND



## ACTION OVER SHELF

The alleged wrongful removal of a shelf measuring about 11 feet by 9 feet from the right portion of the ground floor wall of 210, Queen's Road Central, formed the subject of an action for damages heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, Ng Ki-yuk, was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ. Mr. P. C. Woo appeared for the defendants, Chan Kwong-kee.

Both plaintiff and defendants reside at 210 Queen's Road Central. Mr. Russ said that the plaintiff's claim against the defendants was for the sum of \$1,200, being damages sustained by the plaintiff by reason of the defendant's wrongful removal of the shelf.

The fixture was valued at \$1,200,

but the plaintiff was waiving the sum of \$200 in order to bring the case within the Summary Jurisdiction.

Mr. Woo said that the defendants based their defence on the following grounds: (a) they denied that the plaintiff was the owner of the property; (b) they had obtained the consent of the owner to effect certain reconstruction to premises and to remove the shelf; (c) the owner had never made any demand for the property; there was, therefore, no question of conversion; furthermore, defendants were always ready and willing to return the property to the rightful owner; and (d) the action was brought because defendants were only responsible for the removal of the shelf on the termination of their tenancy.

After evidence by the plaintiff and defendants, hearing was adjourned until June 9.

## CLAIMS AGAINST WAR SUPPLIES BOARD

Only goods actually shipped or delivered to a go-down against orders placed by the War Supplies Board in its capacity as agent for the purchaser, are enforceable. The total of such claims is \$1,495,100.73. Of this amount only \$170,074.07 has not yet been recovered from purchasers.

This announcement was made by the Acting Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke) in Legislative Council yesterday in reply to a supplementary question put by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale at a meeting of Council on May 26.

Mr. Clarke said:

"Hong Kong's industries presented the possibility of securing a variety of different types of goods needed for the forces, and to facilitate this the standard War Supplies Board contract there could be no liability until shipment had been effected or delivery had been made to a go-down."

"Government's view is that the legal liability in this category lies with the purchaser, but in that Government had incurred a moral responsibility by the fact of its having been responsible for setting up the War Supplies Board, it agreed to forward category 'A' claims to the purchasers and to press for payment on behalf of the claimants. In actual fact out of the total of \$1,495,100.73 for such claims, only \$170,074.07 has not yet been recovered from purchasers. Government is not prepared to meet my claim out of public funds in view especially of the fact that it is also in the position of a claimant in respect of the disbursement of its monies advanced to the Board."

### NO LIABILITY

"With claims under categories 'B' and 'C' no legal liability exists but there may be a valid claim against reparations. The whole situation has been placed before the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

"Apart from these contractors' claims there is a number of claims against the War Supplies Board in respect of transport material which was urgently required for the Middle East Campaign in 1941, and which the War Supplies Board secured locally and shipped on behalf of the Middle East Command. Certain of these claims have been settled by the War Office, and others are still under consideration. This Government is one of the unsatisfied claimants."

### THREE CATEGORIES

"The claims made against the Board fall into three main categories:

A. Goods actually shipped or delivered to a go-down against orders placed by the War Supplies Board in its capacity as agent for the purchaser;

B. Goods ordered which were in course of manufacture but were not delivered at the outbreak of hostilities;

C. Advances made by War Supplies Board contractors

## LED INSPECTORS ON MERRY CHASE

A fine of \$150 was imposed on Robert Chan Hung-hay of the Sun Sang Trading Co., Room 202, Bank of East Asia Building, by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for dangerous driving in Chatham Road. Defendant's licence was to be endorsed.

According to TSI D. Brown, Div.-Inspector Scrim, was overtaking a bus at the cutting at Chatham Road, when defendant's car started to overtake DI Scrim's car, making three vehicles abreast on the road.

After overtaking, defendant accelerated to 40-42 m.p.h. and, just before turning into Gascoigne Road, to 50 m.p.h. At the bottom of the crest at Gascoigne Road,

defendant overtook a taxi within a foot of the offside of the road. Defendant, chased by DI Scrim, then turned back into Chatham Road via Gun Club Hill, travelling at 55 m.p.h. He stopped at Hankow Road, but when the Officer-in-Charge of the Kowloon Traffic Office went up to him defendant shot his car forward. Inspector Scrim shouted to him, said TSI Brown, but defendant paid no attention. Mr. Bidmead (Commanding Officer, Kowloon & New Territories), who was passing by, went to the aid of Inspector Scrim by chasing after defendant's car but was unable to catch up with it.

Defendant was traced and told to call at the Kowloon Traffic Office on the following day.

Introducing the Bill, the Acting Attorney General (Mr. G. E. Strickland) said the measure would remove doubts as to the validity of marriages (other than non-Christian marriages) consummated during the occupation, and provided machinery for such marriages to be recorded and proved.

In view of the importance of the measure, said Mr. Strickland, the Bill was discussed with the Secretary of State who agreed to its present form subject to very minor amendments.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) and carried unanimously.

## ILLEGAL FIREWORKS MANUFACTURE

A raid by Inspector J. Hunter (OIC Yaumati Police Station) and a Police party at 68 Woosung Street, ground floor, led to the appearance of Wong, Kin (25), Pang Kit (26) and Chan Man-hung (19) before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with manufacturing fireworks and storing 100 lbs. of fireworks.

First defendant, manager of the store, was fined \$100, and the others \$75 each.

Inspector Hunter pointed out that the premises were ordinary Chinese tenement houses, and that the storage of gunpowder, saltpetre, and other ingredients for the manufacture of fireworks, was very dangerous.

When the Police broke in, the three defendants were in the act of manufacturing the fireworks, said Inspector Hunter.

The two offences were a continuing one.

Defendant pleaded that the light on his speedometer was not working and that he could not see the speed registered. He was advised by the Magistrate to have the speedometer repaired.

Delivers for the day totalled 8,780 lbs., of which 1,730 were official and 7,050 unofficial.

Pistols opened at \$11.50 a 100, and after dropping to \$11.47 a 100, the rate appreciated to \$11.75. It reached to \$11.80 at the close.

Chinese National Currency opened at 4.875 cents for futurity and 5 cents for spot (or CN\$10,000), and closed at 4.725 cents and 4.65 cents respectively.

Ticals were unchanged at \$21.80 a 100. NEI Guilders fell from \$43.90 a 100 in the morning to \$43.30 in the afternoon.

U.S. dollars remained firm at 85.50%.

Sterling receded further to \$12.70. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.55.

An Ordinance to extend the period during which legal proceedings may be instituted and rights may be exercised was introduced in Legislative Council on June 1st.

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 7th day of June, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

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V. KENNIFF,  
Director of Public Works.

Date: 26th May, 1948.

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Shippers are advised that a new Loose-leaf Tariff has been issued which will cancel all previous issues, except that Section IV of the existing Tariff will remain in operation until further notice, but only so far as additional rates to ports with transhipment are concerned. Additional rates direct to ports of destination will be found in Section IV of the new Tariff.

The new Tariff will become effective on the 21st June, 1948.

Copies of the new Tariff may be obtained from the Local Chairman, Far Eastern Freight Conference, P. & O. Building, Hong Kong at a charge of HK\$20.00 per copy, on and after Monday, 7th June, 1948.

Additional Rates with Transhipment to Ports of Destination. A separate Tariff of Transhipment Additions is in course of preparation and until this becomes effective additional rates with transhipment to ports of destination will be ascertained by reference to Section IV of the old Tariff, in respect of which Addenda will continue to be issued.

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The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March, 1948.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,  
Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 1st June, 1948.

## THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS PARTLY PAID NEW ISSUE SHARES.

The owners of partly paid shares are reminded that, under the terms of issue, the final instalment of \$50.00 per share must be paid on or before 30th June, 1948.

Any person owning such shares who is not in possession of the requisite form which has to be presented when payment is made, should make immediate application for same to the Company.

Payment should be made to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON,  
Secretary and Chief Accountant.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1948.

## EIGHT-POINT SCHEME FOR ITALIAN REFORM REDISTRIBUTION OF LAND

Rome, June 1.

Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italian Prime Minister, announced an eight-point programme for his new Government when Parliament opened here today.

The points were:

1.—The use of Marshall aid through a plan that would not affect private enterprise.

2.—The adjustment of the internal financial situation and increasing standard of living through increased saving and continued encouragement for the investment of foreign capital in Italy.

3.—The financial policy of Signor Luigi Einaudi, the new President and former Budget Minister, would continue.

4.—Agricultural reforms based on reducing to the minimum the number of farm labourers, turning them into small farmers through a Redistribution of land from big estates.

5.—The emigration policy now being worked out in talks with other countries, especially Britain, on large-scale development work in Central Africa.

6.—The Government to continue its present foreign policy, collaborating in full with the European organisation favouring European economic cooperation as in the Italian-French customs union.

At this stage the Premier and the British, French and United States proposal for the return of Trieste, was a sign of renewed confidence in Italy.

He also hoped for an understanding on the part of the "Big Four" regarding Italy's former colonies.

Foreign trade agreements would be extended and a commission was being prepared to go to Russia, he added.

## ROYDEN HOUSE

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.

This school is prepared to take boys and girls from 6 to 18 years of age, and has places for a limited number of senior, junior and kindergarten pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thomas will be responsible for the work in the senior school with extra part time help. Mrs. Florence Yeo will be in charge of the junior section where some pupils may need extra individual help from Chinese into English. Mrs. Ruth Thompson, who taught in the modern Loloma Kindergarten with Mrs. Orr, will be with part time assistance, responsible for the younger children.

Fees for this independent private school will necessarily be higher than in some schools; but most text-books will be provided in order to give better quality and greater variety, and extra coaching will be unnecessary. The hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Masters of all vessels are notified that two new cables will be laid in the existing cable reserve between the City of Victoria and the South end of the Kowloon Peninsula.

Both cables will be laid on Friday 4th June.

Vessels are requested to keep well clear and to proceed at slow speed when in the vicinity.

The vessel engaged in laying these cables will display the customary signals for vessels carrying out such work.

J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine.

Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1948.

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# CLASH ON RUBBER ESTATE

## Chinese Killed In Police Baton Charge

### COMMISSIONER'S WARNING

Singapore, June 1. Seven Chinese were killed and 10 injured today when police made a baton charge on 200 dismissed Chinese employees who had refused to leave a rubber estate near Segamat, 125 miles north of Singapore.

The Chinese had been given a month's notice by the European management, who recently took over the estate and had found difficulty in controlling the workers.

Most of the dismissed workers had refused to leave, saying they would run the estate themselves. The clash began when the police, who were sent to investigate the situation, were surrounded by Chinese armed with sticks, stones, bottles and spears. There were no police casualties, and no shots were fired.

### Jewish Gesture To Arabs

Annan, June 1. Paul J. Ruegger, President of the International Red Cross committee, announced today that the Jewish authorities are evacuating 80 Arab wounded soldiers and more than 400 Arab civilians to Arab lines in Jerusalem.

He said the action was in return for "the very generous way the Arab authorities carried out the evacuation of Jewish non-combatants from the surrendered Jewish quarter of the old City last Friday and Saturday." The number exceeded 1,500.

Eighty wounded were due to be handed over to the Arabs during the afternoon in the French hospital in Jerusalem.

Arab civilians, including women, children, and the aged, were being collected at a concentration point first before the evacuation. "That is difficult because of snipers," he explained. —Associated Press.

### JAVA OBJECTION TO ISRAEL

The Hague, June 1. The Netherlands Government is withholding a decision on the recognition of Israel owing to "serious objections" against any action in the matter raised by the Ministry of Overseas Territories, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Baron Van Breda, said in the First Chamber today.

He was speaking after the tabling of a motion urging the Government to recognise Israel submitted by a Communist member. It was learned that the Interim Government of Indonesia and the Surinam Administration had raised objections to the recognition of Israel. —Reuter.

### BENGAL SCARE

Calcutta, June 1. Evidence has been received that Bengal's outlawed Communists are planning a campaign in preparation for a projected armed rising and seizure of power, said the Bengal Home Minister, Kisan Sankar Roy, today.

Police today were ordered to stand by as the government anticipated clashes with Communists.

These, however, did not occur. —Associated Press.

### RADIO

Z.B.W. Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 846 kilocycles from 2.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. and also on 962 megacycles in the 31 meter band from 12.30 to 1.30, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary, 12.32 p.m.—"March of the Movies" (ORBB).  
1.02 p.m.—Ivor Morley and Dave Kaye on Two Planes.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Astronomical.

1.35 p.m.—Orchestra, Interlude.  
1.40 p.m.—A Spanish Programme.  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. Episode 78: "The Only Hope". Read by Captain John (Studio).  
6.30 p.m.—General Variety Programme of New Records.

6.45 p.m.—Trix Winters and Miss Tumbling Tumbleweeds (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"TIME" with Tommy Handley (BBC).

7.30 p.m.—Le Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—Sports and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—"British Concert Hall" BBC Symphony Orchestra (BBC).

8.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Aileen Dekker (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—Composer Cavalcade: Robert Stoll (ORBB).  
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.30 p.m.—A Programme of Romances.

10.30 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

10.30 p.m.—"The Lakes" (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Interlude.

11.30 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

### Holiday's Heavy Toll

New York, June 1. American's three-day Memorial holiday—the first bank holiday of the summer season—which ended last night, was estimated today to have claimed the lives of nearly 400 people through accidents.

One man died in a spectacular fashion, however. Giving a performance in an air show in Michigan, a 27-year-old stunt pilot fell 5,000 feet in a parachute which did not open—and yet suffered only a slight cut over an eye. Telephone wires caught his unopened parachute and left him dangling in the air until help came. —Reuter.

### Indians To Demonstrate

London, June 1. Indians and Africans in London, at a meeting last night, unanimously agreed to hold demonstrations against Dr. Malan's segregation policy in the Union of South Africa.

Mr. E.A. Khan, President of the Indian Workers' Association, who had arranged the meeting, said that Dr. Malan's victory was a victory for Fascism in South Africa.

"The British Government prides itself on Commonwealth democracy," he added, "but Dr. Malan is opposed to all decent democratic institutions. He believes in racial thuggery."

"A new Hitler is now in power in South Africa."

The Pan-African Federation and other African organisations will be invited to join the Indian Workers' in protest here against the Malan regime. —Reuter.

### P.I. MOVE TO SAVE DOLLARS

Manila, June 2. President Quirino signed into law a stiff series of luxury taxes designed to conserve Philippines dollar exchange.

The new levies increase sales taxes on articles classified as non-essentials to 30 percent. Semi-luxuries are taxed 15 percent. Ordinary goods are taxed at present five percent.

Particularly affected will be automobiles costing over US\$500, jewelry, optical goods and silverware, with the exception of eyeglasses, perfumes and toilet articles except dentifrices and talcum powder. The rate on these now is 30 percent.

President Quirino also signed a bill legalising the redemption of pre-war Philippine National Bank notes with the exception of those issued by the Japanese and an estimated US\$20,000,000 worth of 50 peso notes lost by the guerrilla government on Mindanao during the early part of the war. —Associated Press.

### Doesn't Know His Own Age

Seoul, June 1. Dr. Syngman Rhee, whose chairmanship of the Korean Assembly will almost certainly soon become the Presidency of the first Korean Republic, is perhaps the world's oldest leader in the world's youngest nation.

Nobody, not even Dr. Rhee himself, knows how old he is. Published estimates have ranged from 72 to 82 years. When you ask him, he shakes his head and replies with a smile: "Not too old."

Since he returned to Korea from exile in 1945, at least four attempts have been made on his life. Today, around his fortress home, pressed in against one of the teeth of the saw ridge—of mountains that surround this capital, 20 highly armed police stand guard against a fifth attempt. —Reuter.

### NO DOLLAR LOAN, SAYS BRITAIN

Washington, June 1. British officials have informed the Economic Cooperation Administration here that their country can accept no dollars in the form of loans unless they are intended for self-repaying projects and not for "consumption" goods.

The result of this decision, it is understood, will be that the \$100,000,000 tentatively allocated to Britain by the Administration for the April 1-June 30 quarter of this year will almost certainly not be used immediately, and may actually remain idle for some time, while British officials and ECA experts work out the details of the projects already satisfactory to both sides.

British officials have been considerably concerned over the past few weeks about the advisability of accepting more dollar loan burdens. They were disturbed over the fact that, of Britain's first quarter Marshall Plan allocation of \$400 million, five per cent was specifically labelled as being amendable on a loan basis only.

These loans, it was understood, will carry a heavier interest rate than the original post-war American loan to Britain—around three per cent—and will therefore add to the considerable annual dollar repayment obligation that Britain must assume, starting in 1952.

The decision taken, therefore,

is that no current consumption goods—wheat, cotton, tobacco, food, petroleum and the like—will be paid for in loan dollars. —Reuter.

### NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Kiel, June 1. The Military Government of Schleswig-Holstein in the British Zone of Germany has informed the South Schleswig Union, representing the Danish minority, that it may be recognised as a political party.

The Union, which favours the fusion of South Schleswig with Denmark, is to be divided into two organisations. One will deal with cultural and similar matters and the other with political affairs.

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is that no current consumption goods—wheat, cotton, tobacco, food, petroleum and the like—will be paid for in loan dollars. —Reuter.

### MANILA HOTEL MANAGER

Manila, June 2. Charlie Holloman, 44, landowner and sportsman, has been appointed manager of the famed Manila Hotel, succeeding Manuel Nieto, who resigned to become Consul-General in Madrid. —United Press.

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## CHINA'S NEW CABINET

At this time of crisis in China's affairs, the new Cabinet appointed to serve under Wong Wen-hao, sound as it is in many respects, will arouse few enthusiasms. The introduction of the much-needed new blood, to provide both the talent and the strong personalities able to carry through the extreme measures required in the present emergency, is conspicuously lacking, though there may be something in the rather fatalistic submission that when the fortunes of the country have sunk so low, the next turn of the cycle must inevitably be upward. What encouragement is to be derived from this sort of soothing syrup does little to diminish the disappointment of China's well-wishers that the inauguration of democratic government leaves so little unchanged and for all practical purposes finds the administration entrusted to the same hands. Nor do the several refusals of prominent leaders to accept the responsibilities of office make the situation any better. Even Wong Wen-hao, who assumes the heaviest burden, was not the first choice for the premiership, though he is sufficiently well-known and respected to permit the feeling that he may yet prove himself to be the best choice. It is perfectly true, also, that the team with which he has surrounded himself would, in other circumstances, probably make a thoroughly good team, for it is composed largely of experts who are admittedly able men at their job. Unfortunately, few of them possess political influence of any consequence. The set-up is one which could have distinct advantages in a well-organised state, but in China to-day it is to be feared that the product is much more likely to be 'responsibility without power.' After the failure of Ho Ying-chin and Chang Chun to form administrations, Wong Wen-hao's government gives the impression that it represents the last chance, with the very grave danger that should he fail to satisfy the need, a willing successor would be extremely difficult to find, even leading to a break-up of the Kuomintang and chaos.

Included in the twenty Ministries announced are only five new men, and only two of these are important—General Ho Ying-chin who has taken over the Ministry of National Defence from Pai Chung-hsi, and Wang Yun-wu, formerly President of the Executive Yuan, who becomes Minister of Finance in the place of Mr. O. K. Yui. Next to the Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu has taken on the weightiest task, and he will have started well if there is any truth in the persistent reports that currency reform will engage his first and urgent attention. No estimate can be formed of the merits of the plan predicted without formal announcement and further details, but of the necessity for some such effort to place China's currency on a stable basis there can be no doubt. It is, in fact, the first need, and it is by the results it achieves in this special mission that the Wong Wen-hao Government is likely to be judged.

## PALESTINE

The First Jewish State For  
Nearly 1900 YearsBy A Special  
Correspondent  
In The Holy Land

J.L. HAYS

As the Union Jack on the roof of our Government House in Jerusalem was lowered by a bugler of the Highland Light Infantry, as the pipers played a lament, as bayonets below the courtyard stiffened in General Salute and Britain's 30 years' reign in Palestine ended, the first Jewish State in 1,878 years was born.

All those years passed since the Spring of 70 A.D. when the Roman general Titus concentrated his legions for the siege of Jerusalem, capital of Juden.

The Siege lasted 11 months. Eleven hundred thousand Jews perished in famine and fighting. Then the Romans stormed the walls and destroyed the Jews' temple by fire—for which even today the Jews still mourn at the Wailing Wall, part of the original Temple—and carried off 970,000 survivors into captivity.

Today in the sunlit streets of the same Jerusalem, with blue and white striped Zionist flags waving over the shiny-new shopping centres, glittering with chromium and coloured glass, Jewish youths with upswung hair-do's, gay in crisp new length summer frocks, their high heels tanning, are taking a half hour off to buy souvenirs first postage stamps of the second Jewish State—the Republic of Eretz Israel.

But 1,878 years is a long time to have gone without an independent Government of your own. With a £5,000,000 internal war loan already floated, the new in-

come tax authority is busy collecting money still owed to the former Palestine Government. New wireless and car licences are being issued. Revenue stamps overprinted with "National Exchequer" are in post offices.

Postal services which broke down as British officials thinned out, are again functioning in Jewish areas.

In Tel Aviv the import-export office has issued licences covering imports from 32 countries, worth £6,000,000.

The Department of Justice, headed by former top Berlin lawyer Dr. Felix Rosenblueth, will soon set up courts all over the Jewish State; but the British code of justice will be maintained for the time being and then gradually amended to fit all Jewish needs. Anti-prostitution and traffic courts are already operating.

Something like 9,000 Jews served with the British Administration from department executives down through clerks and telephone operators to engine drivers, policemen and postmen. They are all being absorbed into the Jewish Government service. Many of them will get rapid promotion.

Haganah becomes the constitutional army of Eretz Israel. For 60 years the defence force of Jewish institutions, and controlled, recruited and financed by them, Haganah was officially "handed over" to its commanders a few days ago by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister.

The Jews now expect planes, already secretly purchased all over the world as the nucleus of their Jewish Air Force, to be flown in by all-Jewish crews—many former R.A.F. and American Air Force men—to abandoned airfields controlled by Haganah "commandos."

Ships loaded with military stores, including guns and armour-piercing shells, oil, petrol and food, are said to be already on the high seas, their voyages timed to enable them to drop anchor off Tel Aviv and Haifa as soon as the British mandate ended.

Not many Jews think it is all over bar shouting in Palestine. The danger of invasion of Haganah-partitioned territory by the regular armies of neighbouring Arab States is still real enough to top priority to be given to general mobilisation.

If the Jews have to establish their new State almost from scratch and at the same time fight a war, it is likely to have birth pains.

AND HERE IS A  
PEN PICTURE OF ITS  
FIRST PREMIER

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, who at 61, is the first Premier of the new Jewish State of Eretz Israel, has often been described as the "Lloyd George of Palestine Jewry."

Certainly Mr. Ben-Gurion's halo of untidy, white-hair, his short build, and startlingly blide eyes under shaggy brows give him a reasonable physical resemblance to Britain's first World War leader, but it is more in personal mannerisms and personality that they are alike.

As was Lloyd George, Mr. Ben-Gurion is an orator. His Hebrew is lyrical and loudly passionate in debate, but when using his mechanically perfect English he sounds hard and bluntly uncompromising.

An example of his interpretation of the Jewish State which he is now to rule: "We mean simply Jewish independence. And when we say Jewish independence we mean Jewish soil, labour, agriculture, and industry. We mean the Jewish language, schools, culture. We mean Jewish safety and security—complete independence as for any other free people. We need a Jewish State in order to make a Jewish national home."

And not a word about how the Arabs will fare inside the Jewish frontiers.

Perhaps of all the Jewish leaders he was the most bitter opponent of the British White Paper of 1939 which restricted Jewish immigration and agricultural colonisation at a time when Europe's Jews were fleeing before the Nazis. When World War II came he said: "We shall fight the war as if there were no White Paper and we shall fight the White Paper as if there were no war."

This somewhat ambiguous statement is often quoted by his friends to block suggestions that he is anti-British. In fact he did much to encourage enlistment by volunteers into the British forces.

But, pro-British as he might have been until the rise of Hitler, any affection he held for this country has steadily cooled since.

This is best illustrated by his attitude towards terrorism. Consistently he had declared himself an opponent of violence, but before the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine he said collaboration by the Jewish Agency with the British in suppressing terrorism had to be given up because it was "futile."

After the war ended he rose rapidly to prominence in the Socialist movement. He helped to organise the all-powerful Histadruth trade Union organisation, and was secretary of the Palestine Labour Party, Mapai, from 1921 to 1938, when he moved up to Jerusalem from the Turks. Mr. Ben-Gurion returned and joined up as a private in the Fortieth Royal Fusiliers, a battalion of British, American and European Jewish volunteers.

After General Allenby liberated Jerusalem from the Turks, Mr. Ben-Gurion returned and joined up as a private in the Fortieth Royal Fusiliers, a battalion of British, American and European Jewish volunteers.

His only relaxation is the study of classical Greek, and he has a library of hundreds of rare Greek texts.

He married while in America and has three children. A son has been a liaison officer between the Jewish police and the British.

WESTERN GERMANY TO  
HAVE PARLIAMENT

London, June 1.

The main achievements of the six-power talks in London on Germany, which ended tonight, are authoritatively stated to include:

1—Agreement to set up a German constituent Assembly for the three Western Zones or about Sept. 1, 1948;

2—The creation of an international control organisation for the Ruhr industries composed of six powers—Britain, France, the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—and representatives of Western Germany, with powers over the distribution of key Ruhr products, in particular coal, coke and steel, and;

3—Agreement to introduce currency reform in the Western zones of Germany—probably early in July—but not, it is anticipated, in the Western Sectors of Berlin.

At today's final session, attended by the heads of the delegations and presided over by Britain's Sir William Strang, the Conference's report, for submission to the Governments of the participating powers, was signed.

It is expected that a formal communiqué according the conclusion of the Conference in agreement on all points will be published tomorrow.—Reuter.

Wishful Thinking  
In Moscow

London, June 1.

**MOSCOW RADIO COMMENTATOR A. GANSHIN SAID TODAY THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN DIFFERENCES OVER PALESTINE "ARE ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF A MUCH DEEPER CONTRADICTION BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE U.S.A."**

"The strengthening of Britain's former overseas colonies has led to a wrecking of the British position and their slow but sure transfer to American hands," he said.

The result of this, Ganshin said, was that "not only Britain's former spheres of undivided influence but even Britain herself has become a primary object of American expansion."

He claimed that Britain's Lab-

our Party would in the end try to make the United Europe they hope for "not only anti-Soviet but also anti-American," and added: "Under present conditions the British monopolies rely on their experience of many centuries in playing a cunning and subtle game to offset American policy. But the game is irritating America and the Palestine events have made this irritation very apparent."—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

BRITISH SALES  
OF ARMS

London, June 1.

John Freeman, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, told the House of Commons that a wide range of non-military stores and surplus equipment were sold in Palestine and Transjordan immediately before the British mandate ended.

He said that he could give no accurate estimate of their value but by March 31, £2,760,000 had been received from the sales in these two areas.

Freeman was answering a Parliamentary question submitted by Communist Phil Piratin.—Associated Press.

NEW AUSTRALIAN  
ENVoy

Canberra, June 1.  
The Australian Government has decided to appoint Sir Alan Stirling, former Minister to Washington, High Commissioner for South Africa, high Ministerial source told. The Associated Press after a Cabinet meeting last night.

Keith Officer, Minister to The Hague, is appointed Australian Ambassador to China, succeeding Professor Douglas Copland.—Associated Press.

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# GREEK PEACE OFFENSIVE: GENERAL MARKOS' FEELERS "ANOTHER 'BLUFF,'" TRUNK MURDER IN SAYS ATHENS MAIDENHEAD

London, June 1. The Yugoslav news agency, Tanyug, reported today that the "free" Greek Government of General Markos, in a statement, said that it was "prepared to welcome" any initiative aimed at establishing peace in Greece under the condition that foreign "interference" there is ended.

It said the statement followed a meeting of the Markos Cabinet on May 30 to discuss the military and political situation.

According to Tanyug, the statement was made to "aid endeavours of democratic forces of the entire world for peace and democratic understanding of mankind."

The statement said, "The provisional democratic government of Greece is always ready to accept and support every initiative aimed at aiding the establishment of peace in Greece, on condition that the unrestricted democratic way of life is assured to the people, that national sovereignty and independence are safeguarded, that every foreign interference is ended and that the Greeks freely decide upon their fate."

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"To this end, the provisional democratic government is prepared to make all concessions permitted by the people's and national interest."

"It is high time that blood ceased to be shed in Greece for the account of foreign imperialists and domestic plutocrats. It is time that monarch-Fascist murder and slaughter ceased."

"The democratic people's movement in Greece has never in the past sought, nor does it now seek, forcible and exclusive power. It is at all times ready to discuss any proposals which tend toward the general well-being of the people and homeland. But the democratic army is not relaxing its firm hold on the rifle. It cherishes boundless faith in the righteousness of its cause and has confidence in its strength, which issues from the people."

**Cold Reception**

"If the monarch-Fascists, even in the last minute, fail to show readiness to stop bloodshed, we

**Truman  
Picks Up  
Votes**

Washington, June 1. President Harry Truman picked up 74 more National convention votes for the Democratic Presidential nomination today and stood to gain another eight.

The 74 were made up of 54 won without opposition in a California primary and 20 instructed for him in a Maryland Party convention.

This ran his total pledged and claimed strength to 589, or 20 short of the 611 required for the nomination.

Some of his claimed votes are disputed. The President's chances to net another eight delegates' votes were dependent on the outcome of the South Dakota primary.—Associated Press.

**Spellman  
Attacks  
Communism**

Shanghai, June 2. Cardinal Spellman, at a reception given in his honour at Aurora University yesterday, gave an extemporaneous address saying, "The obvious thing about Communism is that it is not Chinese but alien and the Chinese are being persuaded to follow the Red Star as a solution of their troubles."

The Cardinal said he hoped that the Chinese Reds would see the error of their ways, adding that "they are wrong in not following the leadership of the Generalissimo."

Referring to American aid to China, Cardinal Spellman said, "The Chinese cannot pull themselves up by their own bootstraps and we Americans must continue to help them."—United Press.

**CARDINAL WAS  
AMAZED**

Shanghai, June 2. An official spokesman for Cardinal Spellman said today that John Dyer Spellman, who was killed in a tavern brawl in Rockville Center, Long Island, on Sunday was erroneously identified as the Cardinal's cousin.

The spokesman said the Cardinal asked that it be made clear that the man was not his cousin or relative in any connection. The spokesman said the Cardinal was "amazed" at the reporter's United Press.

Maidenhead, June 1. Police found the trussed body of wealthy Mrs. Freeman Len, 89-year-old recluse, today in a trunk standing in the front hall of her 18-room home at Maidenhead. She had been slain, police said, before her body was put in the trunk, probably last Saturday. They said robbery was the probable motive for the crime.

Neighbours noticed three days ago was standing on the doorstep and called the police. Mrs. Lee lived alone in the large house the rooms of which were in disorder. A neighbour said she believed Mrs. Lee was born in America.—Associated Press.

**AMERICA SCEPTICAL  
OF SAIGON SET-UP**

Washington, June 1. United States officials were understood to take a somewhat sceptical view of the new provisional Vietnam Central Government of Indo-China, which reportedly will be proclaimed on June 5 aboard the French cruiser Douay Trouin in the Bay ofAlong.

They were said to be awaiting fuller information as to the composition and system of the government before deciding whether it is what it claims to be—an independent central government—or merely a "front" for the French Government.

The fact that it does not include many of the dissidents who have been most active in the long resistance of Ho Chi Minh's Vietnam group to the reimposition of French rule over Indo-China inclines some persons to the latter view.

Not much is known here of General Nguyen Van Xuan, who reportedly will be Premier of the new Government, except that he is an Annamite who is also a General in the French Army.

Informed sources here assumed, on the basis of unofficial reports, that the French would accord recognition of some sort to the new Government.

However, the United States will not follow with "de facto" recognition, as it did in the case of Indonesia.

Instead, it will await further information which would more clearly indicate just what the new Government is and how representative it is of the Indo-Chinese people.—United Press.

**INTIMIDATION**

Berlin, June 1. A British Military Government spokesman said today that Berlin Communists were using intimidation to obtain signatures to their "people's petition" for German unity.

Circulation of the petitions has been banned in the American and French sectors of Berlin as a "propaganda trick" but is being permitted in the British sector.—Associated Press.

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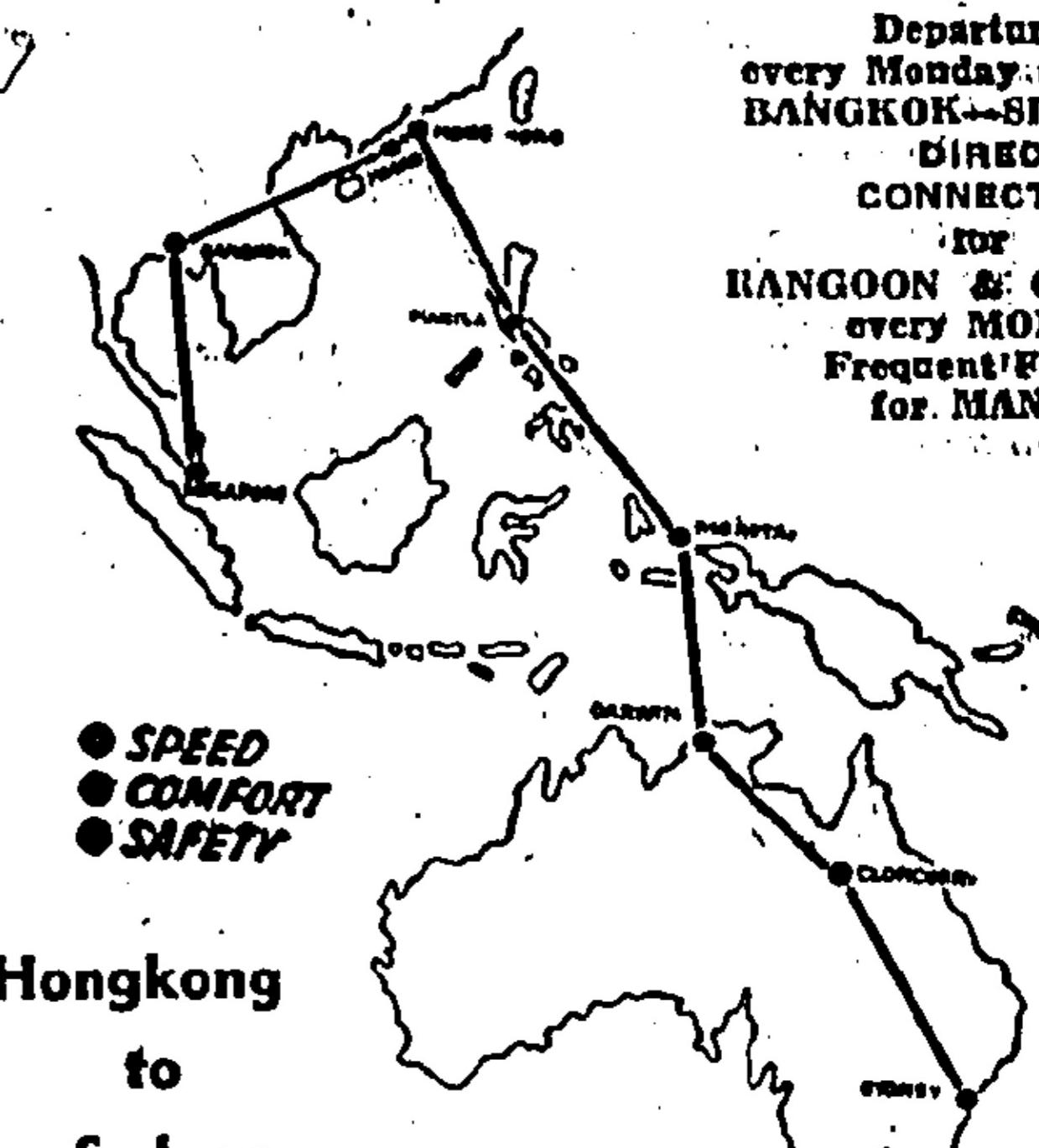
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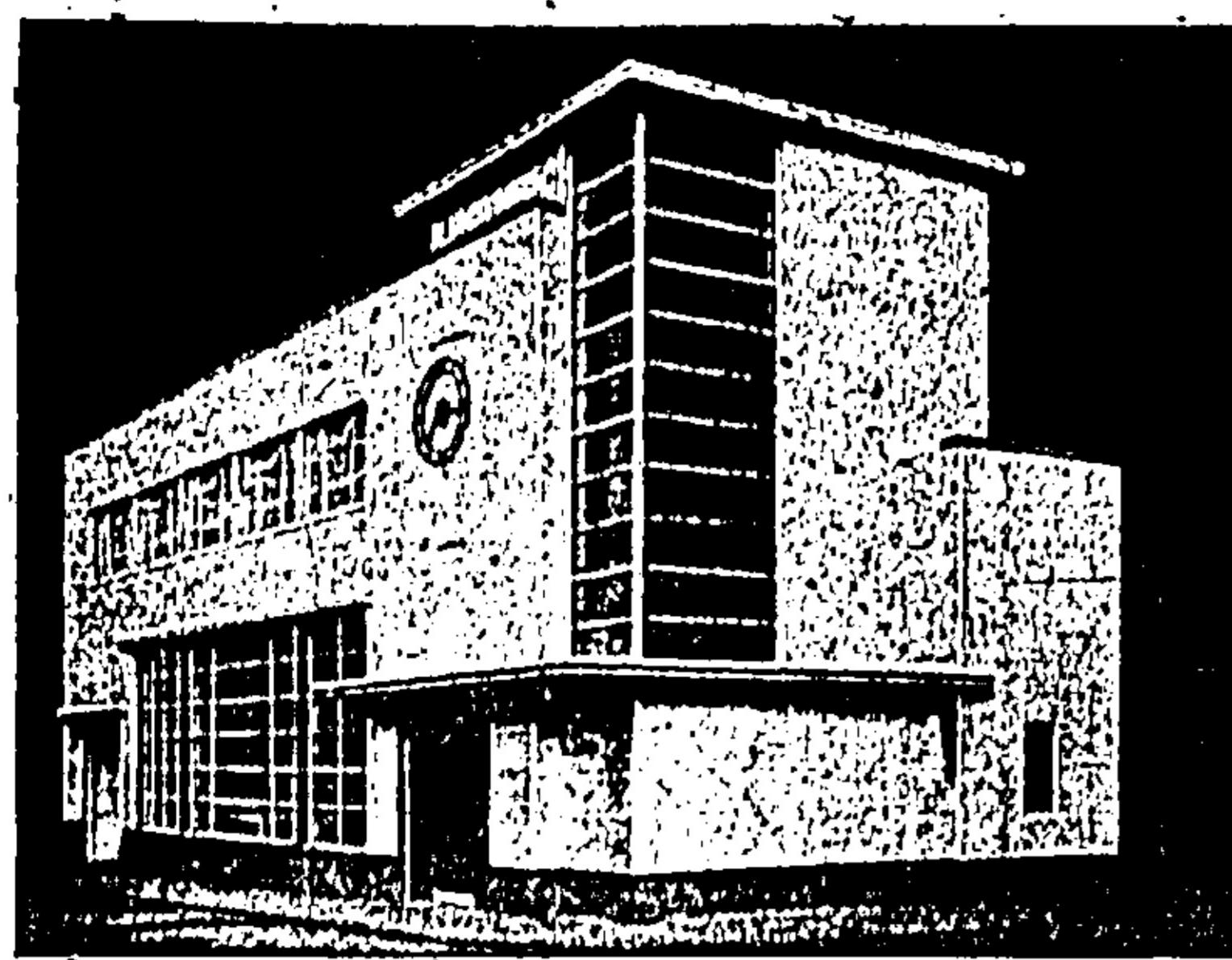
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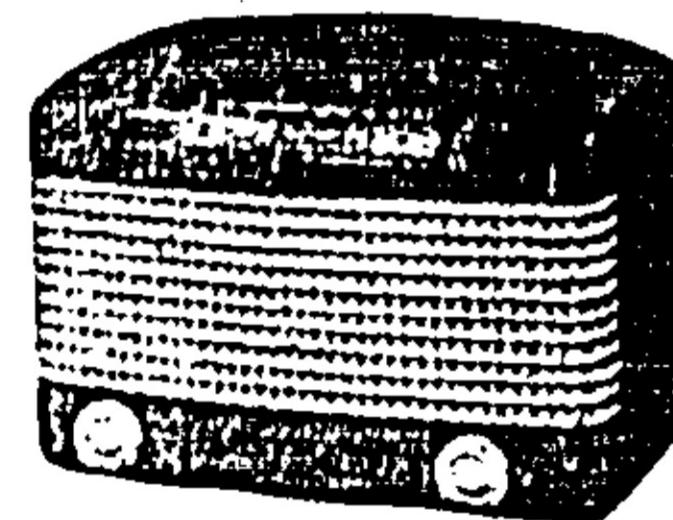


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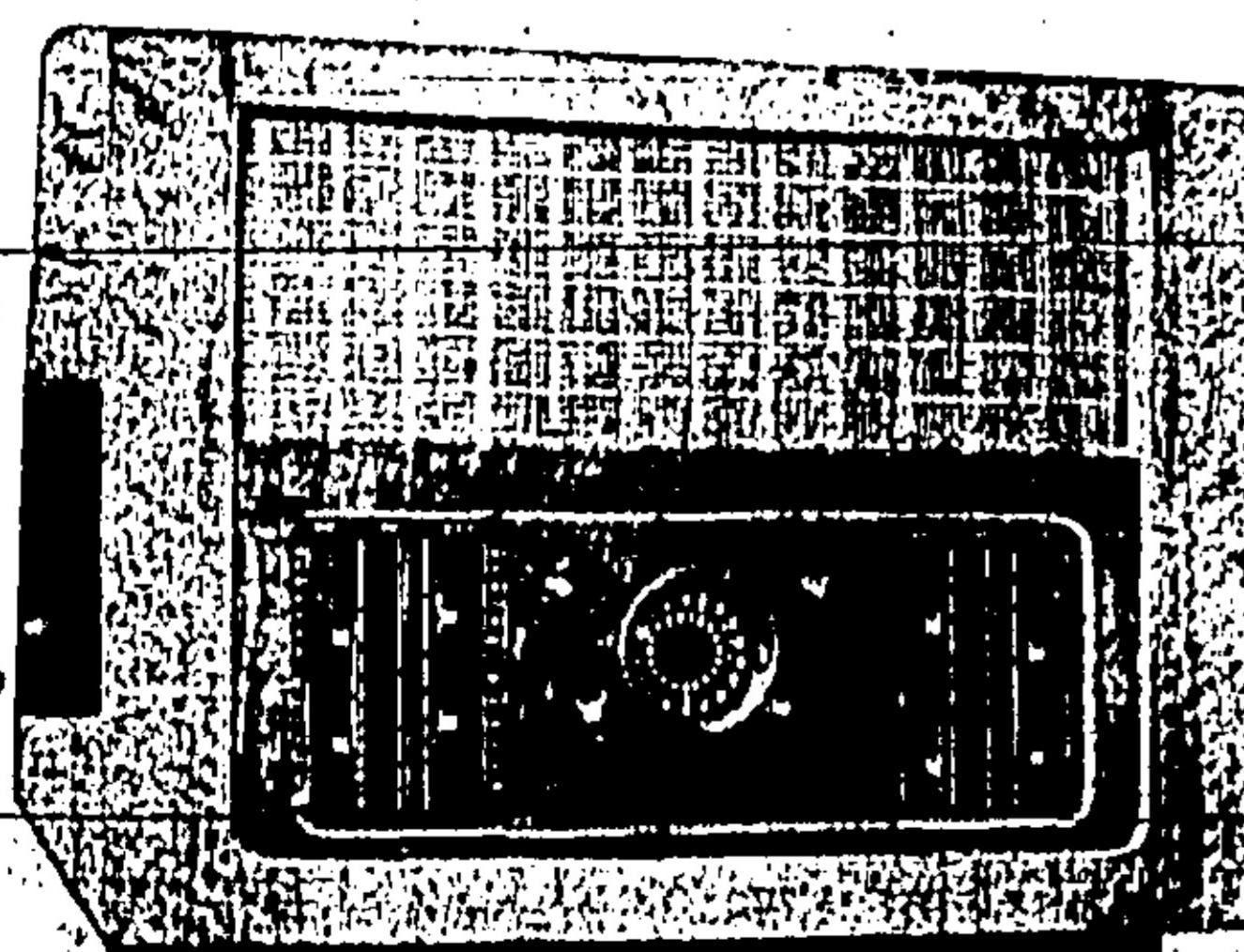
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## TROPICAL ROOF CONSTRUCTION

Some of the firms which have been engaged on the production of "Arcon" temporary prefabricated houses have now introduced a light-weight easily transported and easily erected roof to meet the requirements of engineers concerned with colonial development. The roof is known by the same name, "Arcon," and is distributed by Messrs. Taylor Woodrow Construction Limited, 25, Wilton-road, London, S.W.1. While reasonably satisfactory materials for walls and floors are usually available overseas, it is contended that there is often some difficulty in roofing a building. The Arcon roof, it is hoped, meet this demand.

The supporting posts, or columns, and the frame of the roof, in bays of 30-ft. span and 10-ft. long, are made of steel tubes. The columns provide a height to the eaves of 7-ft. 6 in. Each is inserted in a concrete foundation to a depth of about 1 ft., and has an arrangement of flanges at the top for attaching to the truss and purlins. The rafters of the trusses are arched to form a ridge roof, and the

lower tie-beam is also arched. Each truss consists of two symmetrical triangular frames, known as half-trusses and fabricated with lattice bracing from steel tubes. Two half-trusses are joined directly at the lower centre corners, and by a bracing tube at the upper centre corners, to form a complete truss. The outer corner of each half-truss is bolted to the top of a column. In each bay there are eight purlins attached to the rafter, seven purlins attached to the tie-beams, and a purlin at each eave. Corrugated asbestos-cement sheets are fastened to the upper purlins over the whole area of the roof, to form an outer roof, and to the under side of the lower purlins to form an inner roof; the latter sheets do not extend as far as the eaves, but a space is formed between the upper and lower sheets which permits air to circulate in the roof.

The material required for erecting a three-bay structure, 30 ft. by 30 ft., weighs approximately 5 tons, and consists of eight columns, 105 lb. each; 51 purlins, 47 lb. each; four trust braces; eight half-trusses, 187 lb. each; 54 straight sheets and 18 curved sheets; and three bags of bolts. The framing, without sheets, can be erected by unskilled labour in approximately 50 man-hours. All steel members are protected by hot-dip galvanising. The Arcon tropical roof is thus highly resistant to atmospheric corrosion; it is also designed to prevent insects from attacking the material of the structure infesting the roof. It can be used for a variety of purposes such as offices, warehouses, schools, bungalows, hostels, etc., and by erecting walls up to the edges of the inner roof, a verandah is provided, and the circulation of air in the roof ensures cool conditions inside the building. The principal components of Arcon roofs are manufactured by Messrs. Stewarts and Lloyds Limited, and Messrs. Turners Asbestos Cements Co., Ltd.

The report lays stress on the importance of increasing competitive efficiency in export fields, Lord McGowan, the Chairman, emphasising that "British industry will have to stand or fall by its own efficiency and its capacity to produce goods at competitive prices."

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The immense amount of development work carried out by the I.C.I. in 1947 is shown by the statement that the value of fixed assets increased from approximately £70,000,000 to £84,000,000 during the year. One scheme in which particularly promising progress has been made is the £17,000,000 petroleum chemical works at Wilton, North England. Here, construction is stated to be well ahead and the first plants scheduled to produce perspex for the plastics industry—will be in production before the end of this year. Therefore, constructional work will be concentrated on a plant to crack petroleum for the manufacture of chemicals.

While the cracking of crude petroleum is not a recent development, since the oil industry cracks millions of tons yearly, whereas the oil industry applies the process mainly for the production of motorcar and aviation fuel, Wilton's object is to use petroleum as a source from which to manufacture a wide range of essential chemicals such as solvents for paints, cellulose, lacquer for cars, saccharine drugs, antimicrobial paraffins, fibres such as nylon and dacron.

On completion of the Danish chain of Decca stations this summer this new receiver will make it possible for ships to use both the English and Danish chains and to obtain full service of the Decca navigator system from Ushant to the Southern Baltic. Particularly, ocean-going vessels entering the Western Approaches will have automatic indication of their position on the last and most difficult stages of their voyages.

Britain now has a new and British-designed electric automatic aircraft pilot. It has been developed by Smith's Aircraft Instruments, and could be used for completely automatic flights. This auto-pilot uses a new system called "Rate-Rate" control which, it is claimed, eliminates the danger of gyro tumbling and the need for engaging mechanisms. The detecting elements are contained in the gyro unit; this has three identical and interchangeable gyroscopes which measure the rate of turn respectively about the vertical and horizontal axes. Separate electric servomotors are employed to control rudder ailerons and elevators, and each is harnessed through its amplifier channel to the appropriate gyroscope. The gyrosignal is fed to the amplifier and backed off by a signal proportional to motor speed from a feed-back generator on the servo-motor rotor-shaft; thus, the rate of movement of the control surface is made proportional to the rate of turn of the aircraft

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about the corresponding axis. Use of this "Rate-Rate" control as distinct from displacement control and displacement feedback used on conventional autopilots marks great advance in technique.

PICTURE SHOWS the new all-electric automatic aircraft pilot installed in an Avro aircraft.

## Decca Navigator Extension

A new Decca navigator which can be operated on liners and other deep sea vessels was announced recently by Lloyd's List

Use of this British system, considered one of the most accurate in the world, has hitherto been confined mainly to coasting and short sea vessels. Its extension to ocean-going vessels has been made possible by the introduction of an additional feature known as the lane identification system. This will enable ships to switch from one chain of Decca stations to another by rotation of a simple switch and automatically receive signs indicating the ship's position.

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The system enables a navigator to tell his true dead course by a simple reading of two dials—no other instrument is necessary. At present, accuracy to within 300 yards at a distance of 200 miles is claimed, an extreme range of 1,500 miles giving accuracy of half a mile in daylight and two miles after dark.

Decca's wide range of application is indicated by a report published in last week's "Syren" on a recent trial installation in a North Sea fishing trawler.

This was the first test of the system by a British fishing trawler and the skipper reported that the extreme accuracy of the Decca navigator in fixing his position enabled him to pick up fishing grounds in the shortest possible steaming time. On one occasion he had been able to make at least three hauls before other vessels, which left port at

the same time, had reached the fishing ground. During one trip there was dense fog for four days but despite this the Decca system enabled him to keep his position absolutely on the fishing grounds. He described the navigator as the "finest aid to fishing which I have so far experienced."

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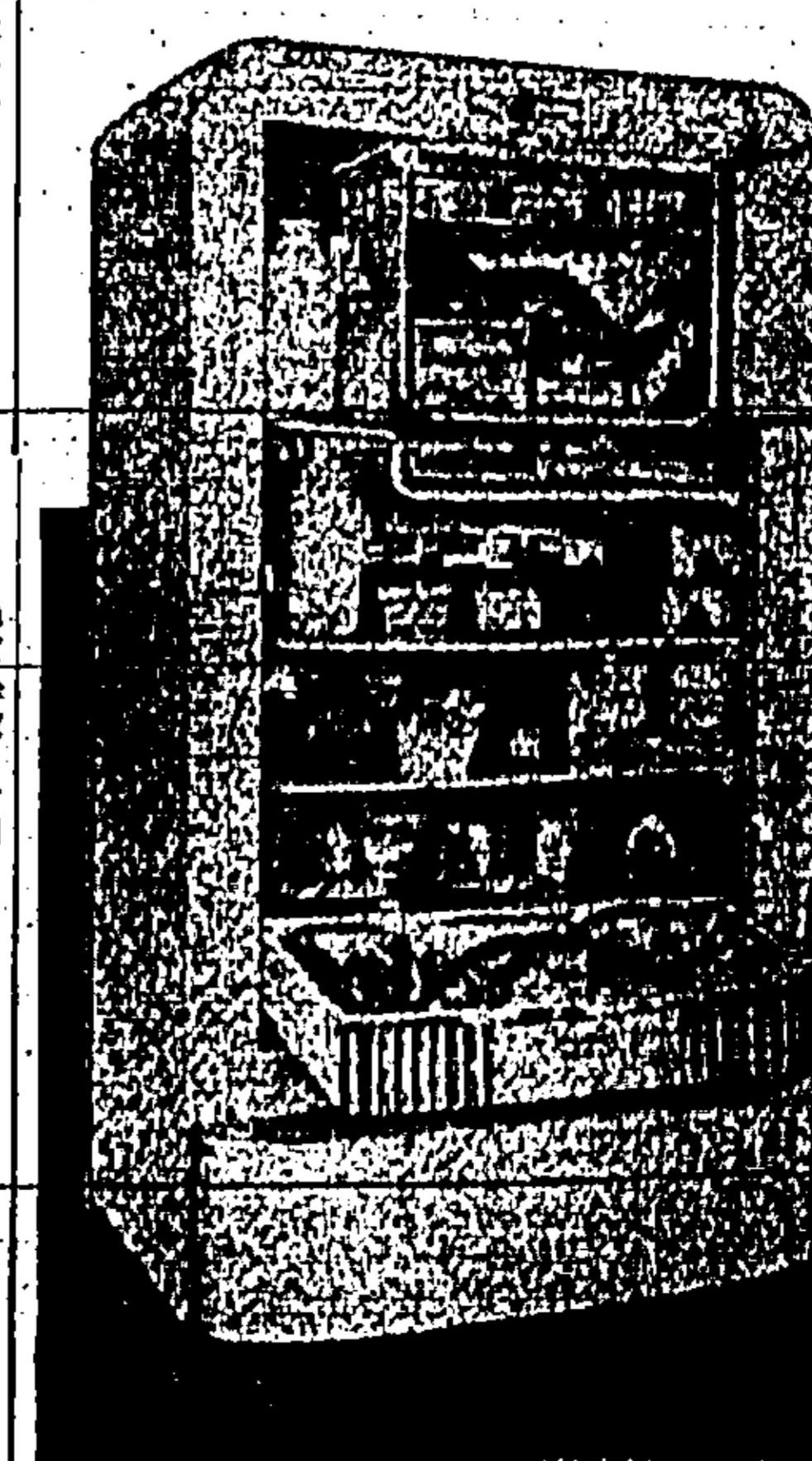
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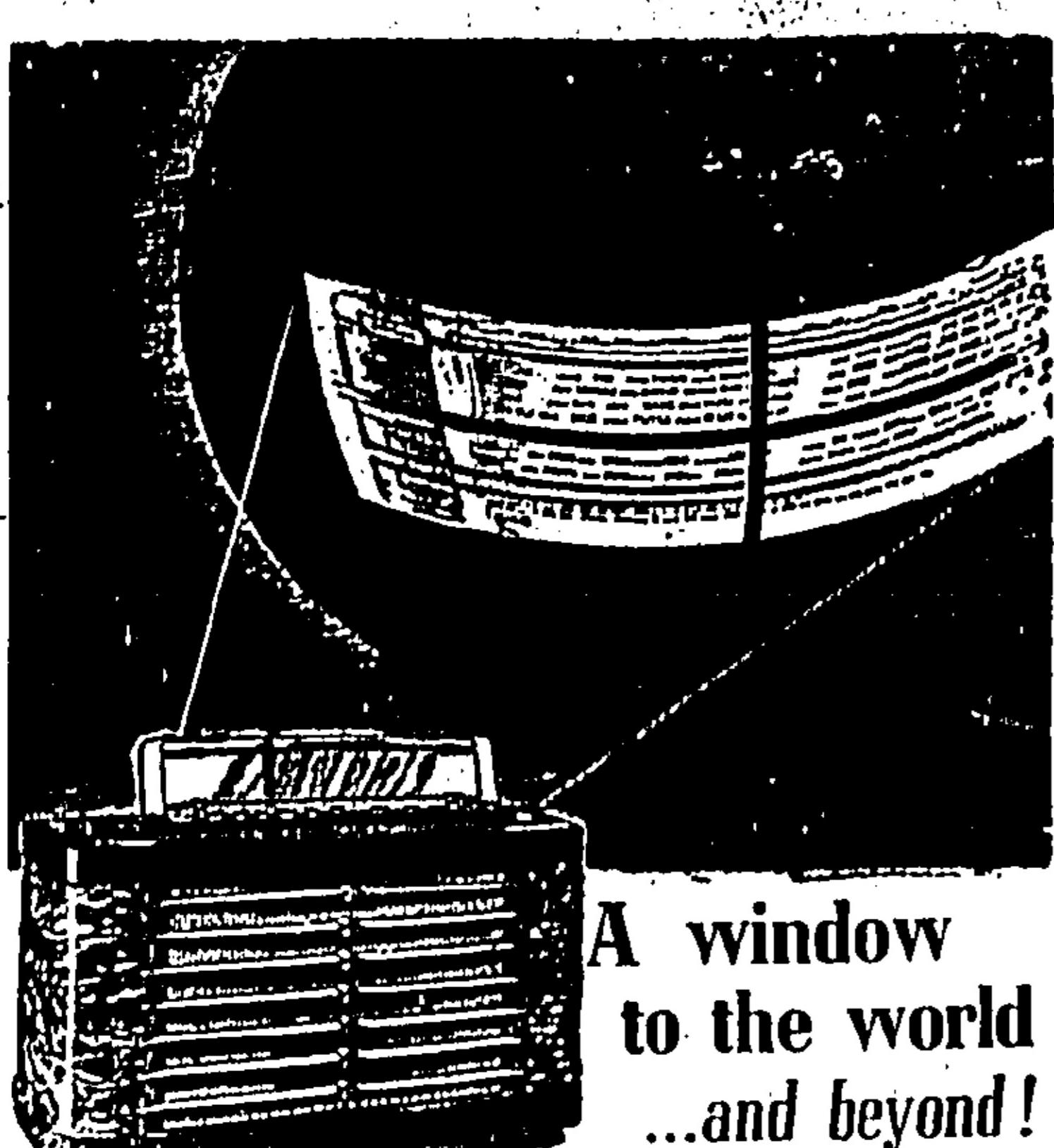
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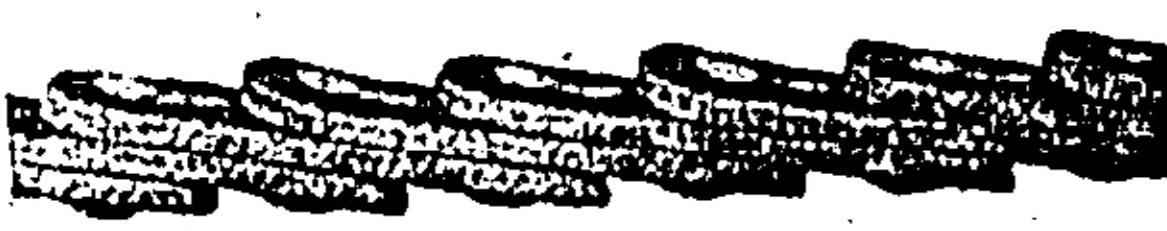
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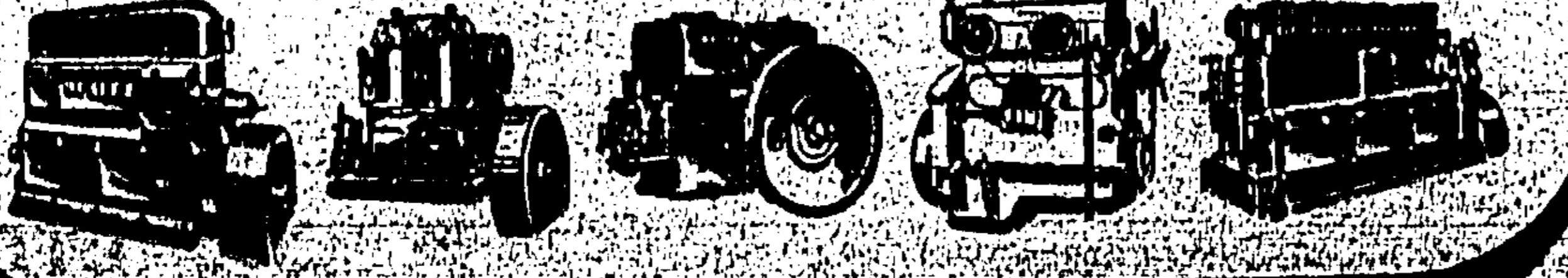
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### Basic Ration Returns

London, June 1.  
Lord Llewellyn, moving in the House of Lords today, rejected a House of Commons proposal to suspend the death penalty for murder in Britain, cited the ritual murders on the Gold Coast as one of the reasons for retaining it.

Abolition, he said, was bound to have repercussions in the British colonies. "You cannot have one law for those with white skins and a different law for those with coloured skins," he said, amid the cheers of a packed Chamber.

If the death penalty was abolished, it would result in the people of some colonies taking the law into their own hands. There would be more ritual and tribal feuds, which Britain was trying to stamp out.

Lord Llewellyn, a Conservative peer, said if the death penalty was not a deterrent why keep it as punishment for treason?

A vote on Lord Llewellyn's motion to reject the no-hanging clause in a Bill to reform the British penal system will be taken tomorrow. So many peers wished to speak that the debate had to be extended to two days.

The no-hanging clause, which suspends the death penalty for murder for a trial period of five years, was inserted in the Bill by the House of Commons last April.

### A Compromise

The Government is against abolition in the crime wave which has followed the war, but granted the House of Commons a free vote because it considered it a non-party matter and one of conscience.

The House of Lords, where the Opposition has an overwhelming majority, are expected to reject the no-hanging clause. The Bill will then go back to the House of Commons for reconsideration. The Government has stated that it is bound to support a decision taken by the Commons, even though it disagrees with it, but it has been suggested, writes Reuters Parliamentary correspondent, that a compromise might be reached by retaining the death penalty for a second murder.

Since the House of Commons decision on abolition, all convicted murderers have had their sentences commuted. Two former Home Secretaries—the Home Secretary has the power to reprieve a man sentenced to death—take opposite views today.

### Totalitarian

Lord Samuel, leader of the Liberals in the House of Lords, thought that the death penalty should be retained for certain crimes, such as political assassination; murder of the police or members of the public who

### Czech Arms For Palestine

Washington, June 1.  
Both sides in the struggle in Palestine are trying to buy arms in Czechoslovakia, diplomatic quarters here claimed today. Press reports said some arms may already be on the way to Israel from Prague.

Diplomatic quarters had no confirmation of this report by Mr. Hanson Baldwin, military correspondent of the New York Times, as well as clandestinely from the United States.

The reliability of the latter point is supported by the fact that some men were arrested in New Jersey several days ago.—Reuter.

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### CONTROLS TO VANISH

Canberra, June 1.  
Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister, announced today that the Government has decided, in view of the referendum defeat on Federal price controls, to relinquish control of rents within two months, price-fixing within three months and land sale control within three months.

The state governments, he said, had been invited to set up machinery for administering these controls.

Voters had been asked to approve an amendment to the Commonwealth constitution, enabling the Federal Government permanently to assume the rent and price control powers, taken over during the war.—Reuter.

### CIVIL DEFENCE IN BRITAIN

London, June 1.  
The Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, told the House of Commons today that the Government was examining all aspects of civil defence in the event of another war.

Mr Attlee said legislation dealing with certain points was being prepared.—United Press.

### "Dark Forces" In South Africa

New York, June 1.  
The Herald-Tribune, commenting on Jan Smuts'

election defeat, said today:

"For a good many years now Jan Christian Smuts has been the Grand Old Man of South African politics. And he has been something more than that—to the world outside he has been the vital many-sided personality and symbol of what is strong and mature of the complex nation he represented so well."

"The drama of the career of this Afrikaner was the drama of his own land. And his defeat at the age of 78 is more than a personal tragedy. Indeed for this philosopher in politics it is doubtful whether his defeat constitutes a tragedy at all."

"But for his country the adverse verdict is a very grave matter. The major issue on which the South African election was fought was the racial question. Smuts' programme of reform in racial matters was very mild from the standpoint of nations outside Africa."

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### British Zone Not To Have Minister

London, June 1.  
The changed conditions in the British Zone of Germany made unnecessary the appointment of a successor to Lord Pakenham, former Minister responsible for the British Zones of Germany and Austria, it was considered in well-informed quarters in London today.

Lord Pakenham has been appointed Minister of Civil Aviation. Political quarters here pointed to the increasing integration of the British and United States zones of occupation and the prospect that as a result of the recommendations reached by the six-power London Conference on Germany, the British Zone will no longer require the full time attention of a Minister.

On the official side, the present head of the German Department of the Foreign Office, Sir William Strang, will remain responsible.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, retains overall responsibility and can delegate the task of answering questions to either of his lieutenants, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, or Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

### COINS TURNED TO LEAD

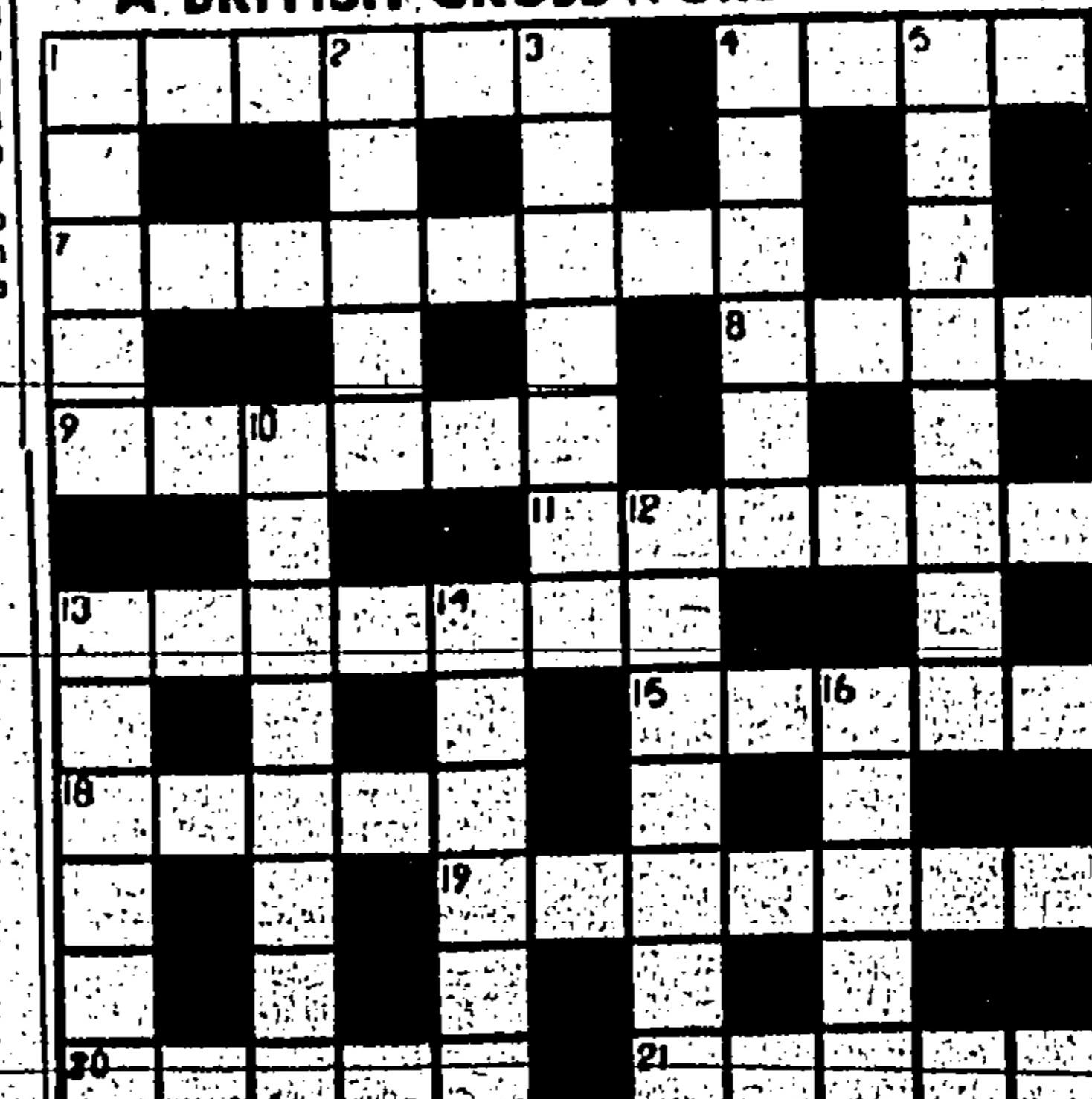
Clermont-Ferrand, June 1.  
Antoine Marignani, professional magician, was under arrest here today, charged with turning more than 2,000,000 francs worth of gold coins into lead slugs in a private performance.

The police brigade of Clermont-Ferrand arrested Marignani and his friend, Alexandre Gibault, on the complaint of the proprietor of the Royal Hotel. The hotel manager charged that the pair approached him last month with an offer to buy his establishment.

They allegedly told the hotel man they had a stack of gold which they wanted to exchange for banknotes. The gold coins were duly counted out before a bank representative, who handed over paper money.

When the banker opened the sack of "coins" he found only lead slugs which Marignani allegedly had substituted for the real thing in the sleight-of-hand manoeuvre.—United Press.

### A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE

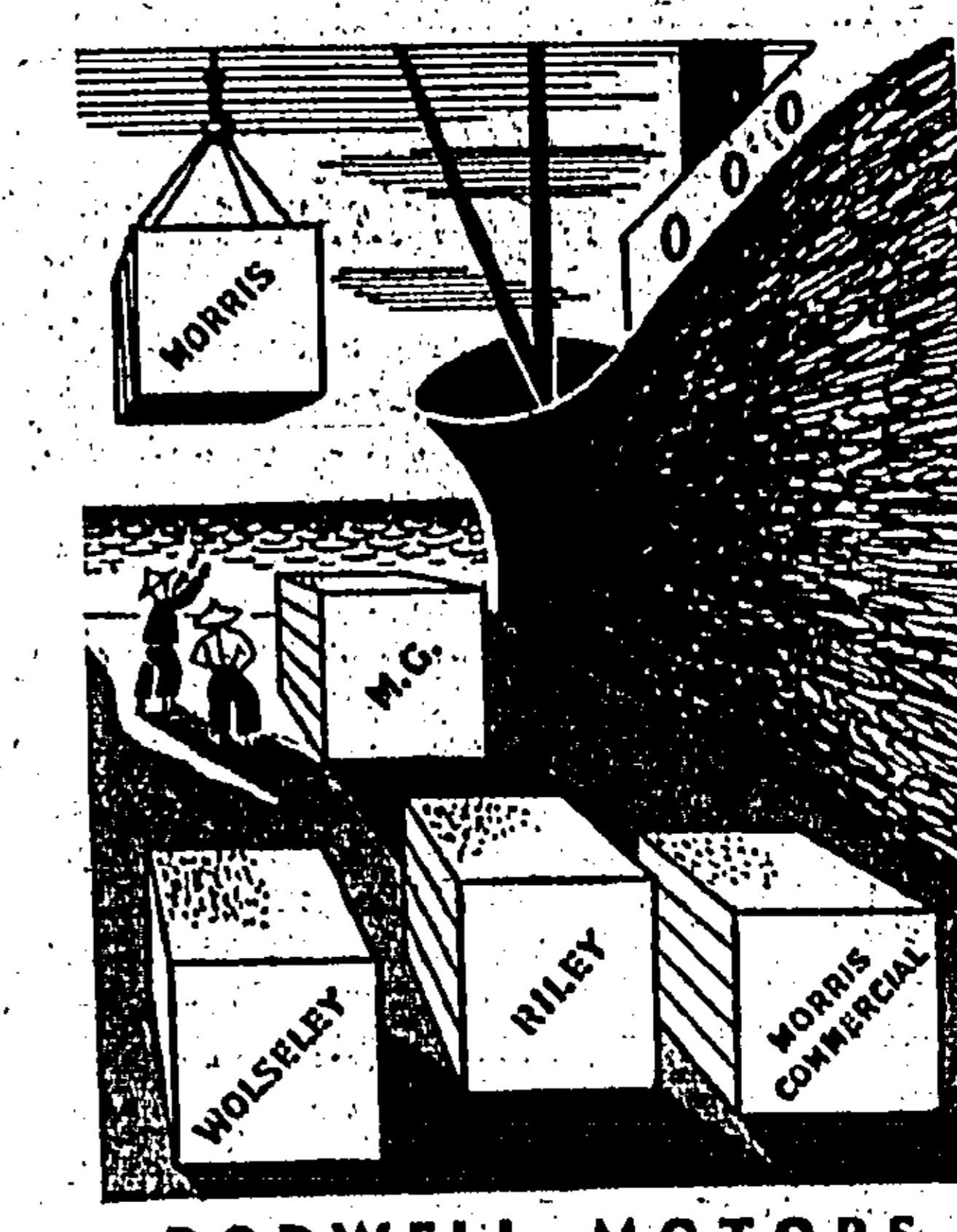


#### Clues Across

- 1 Method. 15 Judicial decision.
- 4 Crest. 16 Wonders.
- 7 Remembered. 18 Awful.
- 8 Precise. 19 Extravagant.
- 9 Entertain. 20 Delighted.
- 11 Enticed. 21 Dots.
- 12 Part. 22 Riot.
- 13 Halo. 23 Stern.
- 14 Spotted. 24 Tremendous.
- 15 Spill. 25 Glare.
- 16 Spills. 26 Trendy.
- 17 Spills. 27 Savvy.
- 18 Spills. 28 Gambled.
- 19 Spills. 29 Kept.
- 20 Spills. 30 Vent.
- 21 Spills. 31 Kept.
- 22 Spills. 32 Model.

#### Clues Down

- 1 Fragment. 10 Changeable.
- 2 Traffic. 12 Ratty.
- 3 Half-breed. 13 Permeable.
- 4 Ransom. 14 Part of the foot.
- 5 Container for wine. 15 Brittle.
- 6 Delighted. 16 Incident.
- 7 Down. 17 Grated.
- 8 Trim. 18 Tired.
- 9 Imprisoned. 19 House.
- 10 Tired. 20 Trendy.
- 11 Send. 21 Savvy.
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# BOTH SIDES AGREE TO A TRUCE

## One-Month Cessation Of JEWS MAKE RESERVATION ON IMPORT OF ARMS

London, June 1. The Provisional Government of Israel and the Arab League have informed the United Nations Security Council that they accept the Council's order for a one-month truce in Palestine.

Official Syrian sources in Damascus, however, said tonight that fighting would continue in the Holy Land during present negotiations between the Arab leaders and the Security Council, and the Arab meeting in Amman will in their negotiations try to guarantee that Arab military efforts have not been in vain.

Israel accepted the Council's call to cease fire when its Government called on all Jewish forces to stop firing as from 0300 Palestine time tomorrow, provided the Arabs do likewise.

The Arabs accepted the truce when Faris Bey Al Kheury, Syrian delegate to the United Nations and President of the Security Council this month, received cable from the Arab states, declaring their acceptance and promising a detailed reply by cable later today.

The Jews, in their reply, said the cease-fire order to Israel's forces had been given on the assumption:

- 1.—The ban on the import of arms to Arab countries, proposed by the Council during a one-month truce, shall apply to delivery from stocks owned or controlled by foreign powers within the territories of the Arab states;
- 2.—During the cease-fire the armed forces of neither side shall seek to advance beyond the areas they now hold, and each

side shall be entitled to maintain their present positions.

### War Goes On

While both Jews and Arabs have informed the Council of their willingness to abide by a truce, earlier reports today indicated that Arab forces have reached the Mediterranean at Nathanya, thus cutting communication between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Arab Legion shelling of Jewish positions in Jerusalem meanwhile continued today. Only interruptions occurred when the Arab gunners stopped shelling the Hebrew University after lunch when a two-hour truce was arranged to evacuate 100 seriously wounded Arabs from the French Hospital in the Old City.

Iraqi troops today stood around Tel Aviv in a semi-circle 11 to 14 kilometres away and with Arab irregulars recaptured the main water pumping station on the pipeline to Jerusalem, about 11 kilometres from the Jewish capital.

An Iraqi communique also claimed that the Jews retreated in panic from Kfar Yona, about three kilometres east of the Nathanya crossroad on the Tel-Aviv Haifa Road, leaving a number of dead and injured. The Haganah commander was killed, it was stated.

Egyptian forces, meanwhile, are attacking all Jewish colonies on the 25-mile stretch of the Palestine coast between Isdud to the south—and Tel Aviv. Egyptian planes bombed Jewish Keneweth—about 10 miles south-east of the Jewish capital, leaving it in flames. Reuter.

## Complain Because They Can't Cook!

Hamburg, June 1. Members of the British Wives Committee, representing the interests of more than 700 Army and Control Commission families in Hamburg, today denied British press reports that they intend to make a mass protest to the British Minister of Food on the question of inferior meat and other rations.

Mrs Tom Walkley, whose husband is an official in the film section, is the secretary of the committee. She said, "We have individual complaints from some families because of the endless scrap end of beef" which is sent month after month.

"Our five-member food committee deals with any complaints and suggestions but there is no intention at present of making a mass protest."

A senior spokesman of the Rhine Army Headquarters today said that no official or mass complaints have been received about the quality of meat, the bulk of which comes from Argentina.

A sergeant who supervises the distribution of rations to the doors of 350 Army families in Hamburg reported, "Although the standard of meat is pretty grim we only have an odd five or six families

London, June 1. The Netherlands and Belgium have been invited by the Anglo-American Zionist authorities in Germany to start fresh talks on the use of Rotterdam and Antwerp for the transit of goods destined for the Anglo-American Zone.

The talks held last summer between the Anglo-American authorities and Dutch and Belgian representatives led to a provisional agreement. But this agreement, though accepted by the Dutch and Belgian Governments, was never approved by Britain and the United States.

The main point of disagreement has been the question of the cost in dollars of transit through the Dutch and Belgian ports compared with the cost of transit through the German ports of Hamburg and Bremen.

Informed quarters here believe the development of the European recovery programme within the last year may now make it possible to reach an agreement on this issue. Reuter.

### NAVAL TRAGEDY

Norfolk, June 1. Nine United States Marines and 18 Navy men perished when a Navy launch was swamped in choppy waters when returning to shore after their ship, the *Memorial Day*, left here last night. It was officially estimated today that

## Palestine Fighting

### Oregon Disaster

## REFUGEES FLEE FLOOD AREAS

Portland, Oregon, June 1. Army engineers tonight ordered the mass evacuation of a 120-mile stretch on the flooded Columbia River, whose swirling waters are swamping the outskirts of this city of 660,000 people.

Many thousands of inhabitants of the affected area—at the lower end of the stream—have already fled, the Army authorities said. The flood has already cost at least 20 lives and more than \$37,000,000 in property losses.

The crest of the torrent, coming hourly nearer, is expected to reach Portland City tonight or early tomorrow. Already, the railway station and some streets are flooded.

The toll of dead will not be known until the waters recede. Two huge dams still resist the mighty force of the Columbia River, swollen by melting snows from the Rocky Mountains.

One of them, the Grand Coulee, the world's largest man-made structure, is 420 miles from here; the other, Bonneville, is 40 miles away.

The threat increases.

Army engineers today ordered all but flood workers out of the area behind the dykes. Thousands of people abandoned their homes and swelled

the stream of refugees fleeing from the area.

They tried to race the waters to safety of high ground. Transport, communications and electric power are crippled, hampering rescue operations.

The river is in a flood state for 750 miles. It also threatens many small towns at its lower end.

The threat of the waters increased today as the Pacific high tide lent its force to the torrent. Sandbag walls, painfully built with hours of labour, were swept away in minutes.

Army engineers estimated today that \$27,000,000 of damage was done when the tiny walled town of Vernport was virtually swept away by the torrent. No estimates of casualties have yet been made. Reuter.

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## BRITAIN TO AID CEYLON EFFORTS

London, June 1. Britain has agreed to do "what is possible" to help Ceylon develop her natural resources. This is revealed in a letter from Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the British Treasury, to Ceylon's Minister of Finance, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, published today.

The arrangements made by the financial delegation sent over from Ceylon in April and now confirmed by both Governments concern sterling balances, foodstuffs, economic development and monetary cooperation.

Provision is made for a working balance in Ceylon of £24,000,000, which in certain circumstances may be increased by a further £1,000,000.

There will be a release of £3,500,000 which is agreed to be sufficient to cover any foreseeable deficit in Ceylon's balance of trade.

It was further agreed that a substantial unforeseen rise in the prices of essential foodstuffs were to occur, the Ceylon Government should be entitled to draw down the sum initially provided for working balances and after consultation to call for an additional £1,000,000.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that the two men will probably have a general exchange of views, not only on the Palestine and Mid-Eastern situations but also on matters specifically affecting their two countries.

There was little likelihood, he added, that the question of revising the 1937 Anglo-Saudi Arabian Treaty will come up—Associated Press.

Details of other agreements were not disclosed but Britain is

to seek to facilitate the entry of

Ceylon into the International Monetary Fund and the Bank of Reconstruction.

Reuter.

## Newspaper On Trial

Paris, June 1.

The pre-war Paris newspaper, *Le Matin*, which was the first to reappear after the Nazi occupation, was put on trial in court here today under post-liberation "purge" legislation for "intelligence with the enemy."

If the paper is convicted its property could be confiscated, the owning company liquidated, and its publication forbidden.

Proceedings could also be taken against the responsible director.

*Le Matin* appeared in June, 1946, under General Charles de Gaulle's New Order and bitterly opposed the Allied occupation forces.

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**CHINESE ORDNANCE MISSION  
BUYING IN UNITED STATES****Rising Costs Of Arms Purchases**

Washington, June 1.

A Chinese ordnance mission, here in connection with the United States' US\$125,000,000 military aid programme to China, indicated today the project may not be approved in detail for another three months.

Major General Yang Chi Tseng, China's Chief of Ordnance and head of the mission, said the Nanking Government had submitted to the United States its detailed proposal for using the funds.

"Our proposals may already be in the hands of the State Department," General Yang said in an exclusive interview. "They brought a detailed proposal but its adoption depends upon the availability here of the required materials."

General Yang and his four associates here said they gave the proposal to Chinese Ambassador in Wellington Koo, "who is dealing with the State Department."

"My responsibility is to handle details of the programme," General Yang said. "In the event that what we already have proposed be accepted for China is not available, I have authority to change it."

**A GHOST  
FROM THE  
PAST**

Berlin, June 1.

The British-licensed news agency, DPD, reported today that Heinrich Bruening, German Chancellor just before Hitler seized the country, would arrive in England this month and planned to visit Holland and Germany before returning to the United States.

The Communist press has periodically claimed that Bruening might come back to head a West German government. Moscow Radio and Berlin Communist papers yesterday charged that Bruening, with the help of Germans under the top German Bizonal administrator in Frankfurt, was trying to return to power in Germany.

In Frankfurt, the administrator told the United Press that such charges were completely untrue. He said he had been in contact with Bruening since the war, but denied flatly that he had ever received any political directives from him.—United Press.

The Taft-Hartley law requires the Unions and Employers to bargain in good faith with each other. Lewis has refused to bargain with the Southern group on the ground it did not take part in the previous contract talks.

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**Assassination Of Czech Communist**

Prague, June 1.

The police disclosed today that Augustin Bram, Colonel of a Partisan group and an official of the Communist Party, was assassinated last Friday night.

The official report said Bram was summoned to the door of his home here, and then shot down by a man with a pistol. The killer escaped.

Only the bare announcement of the killing was published in Prague's newspapers. Communist Party headquarters refused to answer any question about it.—Associated Press.

**EX-KING MICHAEL  
WEDDING MYSTERY**

London, June 1.

Whether Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme will wed ex-King Michael of Romania in Athens on Saturday became a deeper mystery today when her mother, Princess Margaret of Denmark, flew home from a 24-hour visit to Michael in Lausanne.

Athens reports that Anne had disclosed today about Princess Anne or her plans and the herself could not be contacted.

Earlier Athens reports said the religious question—Anne is Roman Catholic and Michael is Greek Orthodox—was holding up the intended marriage.

Authoritative reports from the Vatican said the Roman Catholic Church would not recognise any marriage by Orthodox rites. The Pope has refused a dispensation as Michael has declined to undertake not to interfere in the Catholic education of the children.

Court circles in Athens would neither confirm nor deny the Lausanne reports that Anne has embraced the Orthodox faith.—Reuter.

**Producers Hostile,  
Says Lewis**

Washington, June 1.

John L. Lewis argued today that he is not required to bargain with the "hostile, arbitrary" Southern Coal Producers Association.

"This was his reply to the Government's motion for a Taft-Hartley Act injunction to compel his United Mine Workers to seek a contract with the Association.

Lewis' lawyers filed a motion to dismiss the injunction suit brought by Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labour Relations Board.

The Taft-Hartley law requires the Unions and Employers to bargain in good faith with each other. Lewis has refused to bargain with the Southern group on the ground it did not take part in the previous contract talks.

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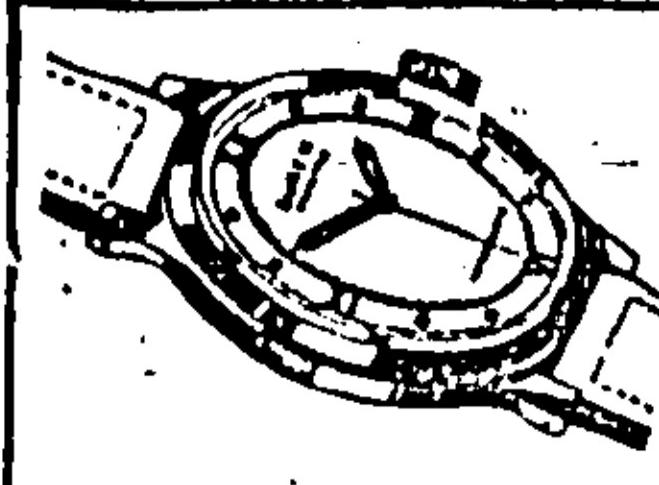
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# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1948.

## ROBINS CLAIMED AS BEST UK COUNTER TO DON BRADMAN

London, June 1.  
Among the players to take part in tomorrow's England Test trial who did well in the series of county matches which ended today were two members of the Test team, Arthur Fogg (Kent) and R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), who batted brilliantly today on the eve of the trial.

Fogg, who made 97 in Kent's first innings against Leicestershire, today reached his first century of the season in the second innings. A sound and consistent bat, his present excellent form must enhance his chance of getting a place in the England team.

Simpson, playing against the Australian at Trent Bridge, where the first Test will be held, earned the distinction of becoming the man to play the season to score two half centuries off them in a county match.

At the wicket for just less than two hours to 70 today, he was still in and confident against the four-pronged attack, and hit 11 fours.

R. W. V. Bradman, the captain of the Test team in the joint state of E. Sussex, also showed an unusual degree of play, but a useful number of strokes were off Lord's. In the last hour of bowling on a hard pitch was always difficult to hit.

### Great Skipper

Many have advocated captaincy by Robins as England's best counter to the wily Don Bradman. Still, at 42, a useful leg break bowler, a forcing batsman and an inspiring fielder, Robins is above all a great

skipper.

### Pollard Magic

The last half hour was used for Lancashire to lead Middlesex, and the vital stage of the game was just after lunch today when Pollard of Lancashire claimed five Middlesex wickets for two runs when the Champions promised to make themselves safe. But from 185 for four, they collapsed again, that Pollard magic.

Today was the big man of the Derbyshire victory over Hampshire, for he followed his sterling figures of 70 with an unchanged bowling spell of 25 overs in which he claimed seven wickets for 34 runs to give Derbyshire the victory.

When Prentice of Leicestershire defied all the wiles of Wright, spin bowling while scoring 75, Leicestershire seemed likely to save the game but in the extra half hour, Kent won.

### Results:

At Derby:—Derbyshire won by 34 runs. Derbyshire 206 and 300 for eight declared (Pope 70); Kent 184 and 71 (Pope 47).

Donations paid and in the course of payment totalled \$419,099. Since these figures were announced, donations have been increased by a further \$20,000. Mr. Sheldon also mentioned that a Totalisator had been ordered from England and would in all probability be installed during the summer months of 1949 ready for use in the Autumn of that year, and that the provision of a "Photo Finish" had been agreed upon.

This was hoped, would be completed and brought into use in January next.

With the installation of the Totalisator a great deal, if not all, of the discomforts of crowding in the Pari-Mutuel halls should disappear as it will then be possible to bet on any horse in a race, whether or place, at any machine, some 60 of which will be spread over the buildings.

## KING PHUMIPHON ASKED TO RETURN

Bangkok, June 1.  
The uncrowned King of Siam, Phumiphon Aduldej, has been invited by the Phibun Government to return to his kingdom for coronation on his birthday, Dec. 5.

If the King accepts, then the cremation of the remains of his brother, who was killed in November, official sources said.

The cremation had been previously set for February, 1949, after having been postponed three times.

Meanwhile, the Government will speed up the investigation of the death of King Ananda Mahidol. In the hope that a settlement will be reached within the next few months, with the return of the chief investigator from Switzerland, where he interviewed members of the royal household, early trial of the case is being urged.

The invitation to the King to return for his coronation in December is being carried to Switzerland, where the young monarch is in school, by Prince Dhani Nivat, a member of the Ministry Council, who will also represent Thailand to carry out the

### RUGBY MEETING

Although the 1948/49 Rugby season is still in the distant future the Football Club are getting on early with the selection of their next year's Committee which will enable them to commence working out the best possible programme for next season.

There will be a meeting of Rugby members and any others in the Colony interested in Rugby Football at the Hong Kong Football Club on Tuesday, June 8 at 5.30 p.m.

Provisions for the readjustment of contracts frustrated by the war are contained in the Bill which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday. No confirmation of the report could be obtained from Police sources.

## TSUI BROTHERS WIN DULLEST TENNIS FINAL

Only a handful of spectators saw the Tsui brothers annex the Colony Tennis Doubles title last evening at the Cricket Club Stand-court, in what was perhaps the dullest final ever witnessed locally.

Noticeably absent was the championship final atmosphere that usually pervades the court on such occasions.

This might have been to a large measure due to the sudden condition of the court, and also to the very little opposition given to the Champions by the challengers Lee Chun-Kit and Y. Y. Lam, who reached the finals by virtue of a walk-over of K. H. Ip and Paul Kong.

Lam and Lam seemed to be overcome by the reputation of their opponents and did not play their usual game except in the last set.

The Club final between B. T. M. Jones and R. Segalen was a more lively affair, going to the distance of four sets.

Jones won the first set comfortably by 6-1, with fast and beautifully-placed corner drives, but cracked in the remaining three sets to the stoical defence of Segalen. Scores:

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Club Mixed Doubles—Winners: P. M. Dew and Mrs. D. Kent; Runners-up: M. W. Turner and Mrs. Pash.

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